



# **Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System Operation Manual - Mobile**

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## Introduction

The Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (TLETS) is a statewide telecommunications network that is composed of city, county, state, federal, and military law enforcement and criminal justice agencies in Texas. The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has been charged with the responsibility for operation of the computerized electronic message switching system located at the DPS Headquarters in Austin, Texas. All agencies subscribing to the Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System are reminded that the system is designed exclusively for use by criminal justice agencies in conducting their lawfully authorized duties within their respective jurisdictions and between agencies as required.

Participating agencies are provided access to a highly technical, complex and sophisticated system consisting of driver license, vehicle registration, the Texas and National Crime Information and other databases. With this access, each member agency is responsible for the content and accuracy of any records and messages they originate, and also, for the interpretation of database transactions received by their terminal. Member agencies shall be responsible for assuring the adequacy of training of all persons authorized to operate the terminal and make every reasonable effort to acquaint their personnel with the rules, regulations, capabilities, and services offered by the TLETS.

### **TLETS Training Mission Statement:**

To provide and facilitate accessible, accurate and quality training to Texas users regarding the Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System in order to plan, implement, and manage a dedicated, secure, reliable, high speed data communications system that fully supports the criminal justice communities in the performance of their charters: to protect and preserve the lives and property of the citizens of the state of Texas.

The TLETS Operation Manual contains complete coding procedures and operating guidelines for all features of the Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications Systems and the International Justice and Public Safety Network (Nlets) except the two databases of TCIC and NCIC. The National Crime Information Center's (NCIC) Operating Manual and Code Manual which contain complete coding and operational procedures for the TCIC and NCIC systems are available at:

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/tcic2000project>.

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Each member agency shall insure that these manuals and other materials are made available to all their authorized operating personnel and that they be kept current and readily available to their operators.

Any suggestions or questions regarding the content of this manual should be directed to TCIC/TLETS Training Unit, Texas Department of Public Safety in Austin.

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## **Section 1: System Definition and Policy**

By the end of this training session, the student will be able to:

- Explain the basic operations and processes of the Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunication Systems and the International Justice and Public Safety Network.
- List the various databases available through TLETS and Nlets.
- Restate both the state and federal laws that apply to information received from the TLETS/Nlets terminal.
- Identify legitimate criminal justice and law enforcement uses of information obtained from TLETS and Nlets.
- List the possible sanctions for misuse of the TLETS/Nlets systems.
- Locate the contact information for reporting operational problems or requesting terminal moves, changes and additions.

# System Definition and Policy

## TLETS Description

**The Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (TLETS)** is a statewide telecommunications network composed of computer terminals, interfaces and databases representing city, county, state, federal, military law enforcement and criminal justice agencies in Texas. This network is controlled by a computerized electronic message switching system located in the Headquarters of the Texas Department of Public Safety in Austin.

Member agencies have the capability of exchanging administrative type messages and when authorized, have access to various databases that enables them to retrieve and enter certain computerized data. Additionally, other law enforcement and criminal justice agencies, systems, files and services are available to TLETS members through the Nlets - International Justice and Public Safety Network. Nlets provides TLETS members access to law enforcement, criminal justice agencies and other informational files and services in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and a number of foreign countries.

## TLETS Administration

The Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS) has the direct responsibility of the administrative control, access and operation of the Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (TLETS). TLETS operates under a shared management concept, wherein TXDPS Information Technology manages the technical components of the system, such as: design, operation, circuits and the satellite network (VSAT). The TXDPS Law Enforcement Support Division manages the operations of the TLETS system, such as: coordinating new agency membership, creating new and maintaining existing database interfaces, user agreements, system management responsibilities and other administrative matters pertaining to TLETS. Additionally, an individual from the Law Enforcement Support Division serves as the state representative for the International Justice and Public Safety Network (Nlets).

## Nlets Administration

**The International Justice and Public Safety Network (Nlets)** is made up of representatives of law enforcement agencies from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Guam, Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC), Interpol and Federal law enforcement agencies. Nlets is incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware and is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide interstate communications to law enforcement, criminal justice and other agencies involved in enforcement of laws. As a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization, Nlets is solely funded by membership fees.

Nlets has eight regions comprised of six or seven states and several federal agencies that are grouped together to represent a regional community of interest. The Nlets System Agency (NSA) for a state or other member agency will appoint an individual to provide representation in the Nlets organization. The state representative of each region represents the region on the Nlets Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors meets at least once each year to conduct the organization's business and make policy decisions. The policy decisions range from how the system is to be operated to how the Corporation's general business will be handled. The Board of Directors appoints an

Executive Director who is responsible for conducting the organization's day-to-day business and overseeing system operations and administrative matters.

Nlets is a secure network and system linking local, state, federal and international agencies together to provide the capability to exchange criminal justice and public safety related information. Nlets links Nlets System Agencies (NSAs) together using an international standardized format to transmit and receive data from one agency to another agency in a matter of seconds.

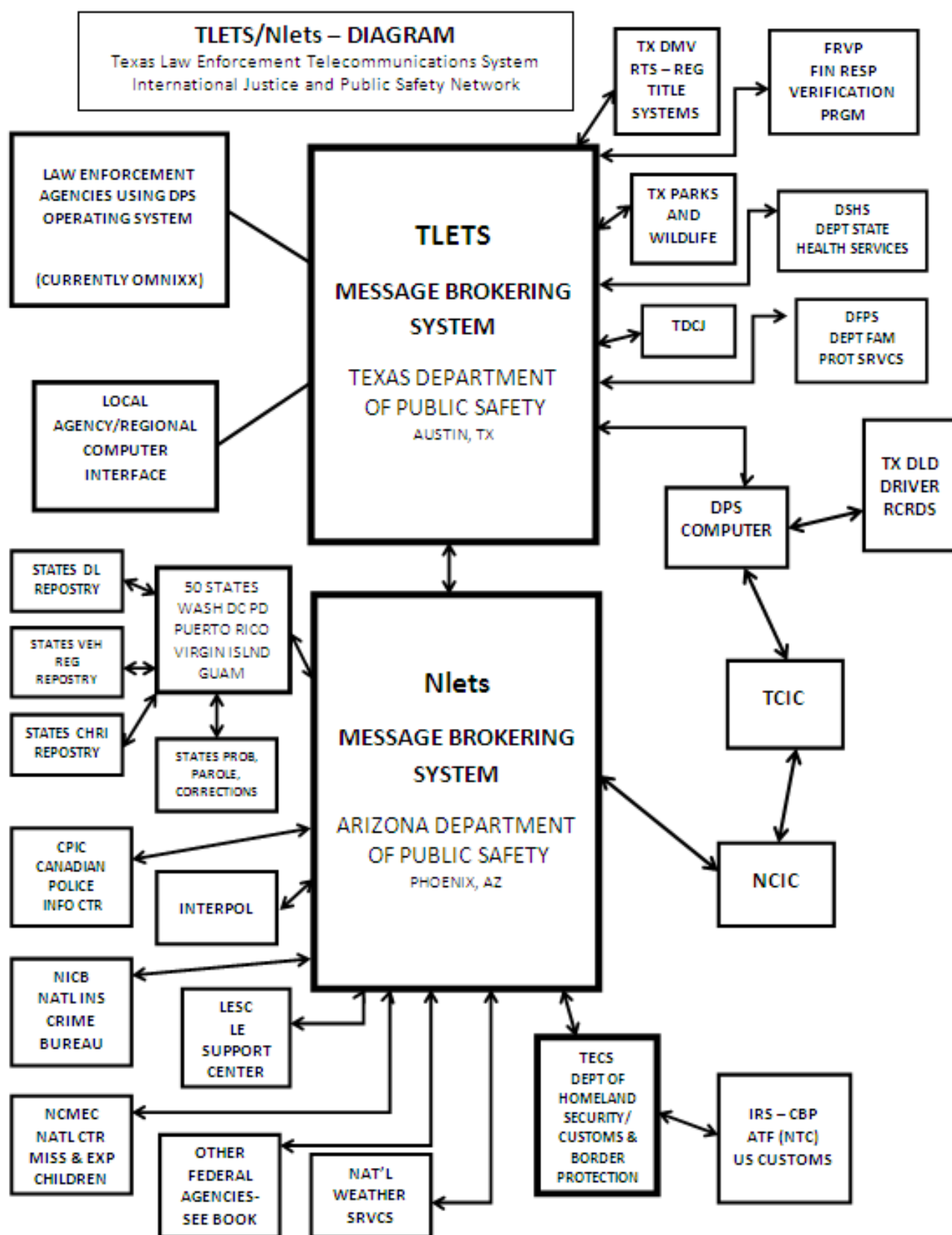
A log of all transactions is kept to provide system statistical reports and management information. The Nlets system can receive, store, and forward message traffic from and to all its user agencies. Administrative message traffic on the system includes all types of free form criminal justice related data from one point to one or more points. In addition, Nlets supports inquiry into state motor vehicle, driver's license, criminal history and other state, federal and international databases of statewide broadcast messages.

No information delivered from Nlets is to be used for any purposes other than that for which it was originally requested, except to review message traffic for quality control or for statistical analysis purposes.

## **Nlets System Agency**

Each Nlets member designates an agency as the **Nlets System Agency (NSA)**. This designated agency is responsible for maintaining operational surveillance over the state end of the line and for providing distribution services in and out of the Nlets network. The NSA is normally addressed by using the two-character state code. The Department of Public Safety – Crime Records Service is the NSA for the state of Texas, using the Point of Entry (POE) code of TX.





## **Local Agency/Regional Computer Interfaces**

Several Texas criminal justice agencies have internal computer systems that are interfaced into the TLETS Switcher and provide TLETS & Nlets telecommunications message switching capabilities to various terminals within that agency. These computer systems could also provide in-house Information Management to their agencies.

## **TLETS Network**

The Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (TLETS) consists of a software application and secure network services. This system is located at the DPS Headquarters in Austin. The TLETS Message Broker is an automatic, computerized, electronic storage and forward message switching system. Every message and transaction generated by a terminal on the TLETS network is initially transmitted to the message broker over a dedicated circuit or satellite wireless connection where it is validated for proper codes and formats. A record copy of each message or transaction is made on electronic logging devices and then forwarded to its addressed destination. In the event conditions exist that prevent the proper delivery of the message/transaction to its addressed destination, the message switcher will automatically store this message or transaction until such time delivery is possible or notify the originator it was discarded.

## **Registration and Title System (RTS)**

Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) provides registration information for vehicles titled in Texas from the Registration and Title System database (RTS). The RTS database includes owner information and vehicle description. It also contains information concerning commercial over-width/weight/height permits.

## **Financial Responsibility Verification Program (FRVP)**

This program is managed by the Texas Department of Insurance and provides law enforcement officers with potential verification of valid insurance for a vehicle or driver.

## **Texas State Agency Databases**

- Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife (TPWL)
- Department of State Health Services (DSHS)
- Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ)
- Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)

## **Driver License System (DLS)**

The Texas Department of Public Safety Driver License Division (DLD) is responsible for all driver license records and identification card information issued in Texas. The Driver License System (DLS) is the repository for driver information, status and history.

## **Texas Crime Information Center (TCIC)**

The Texas Crime Information Center (TCIC) provides access to data regarding the stolen status of property and the wanted, missing, sex offender, or protective order status of persons. This database is managed by the Crime Record Service of the Texas Department of Public Safety. TCIC also provides a direct link to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) providing instantly whether a vehicle, a boat, or other property under investigation is stolen, or a person in question is wanted anywhere in the country.

## **National Crime Information Center (NCIC)**

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in Washington, DC maintains the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). This system provides the repository, inquiry and entry access to stolen vehicles, license plates, boats, guns, articles, securities, wanted/missing/unidentified persons and criminal history information to law enforcement/criminal justice agencies nationwide and Canada. Users should refer to the NCIC Operating Manual for complete system description and operation which is available at:

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/tcic2000project>.

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## **Nlets Network**

Nlets - International Justice and Public Safety Network is an automatic, computerized, electronic storage and forward message broker network. Although the Nlets message broker equipment is physically located at the Arizona Department of Public Safety in Phoenix, Arizona, it is under the administrative control of the International Justice and Public Safety Network. The network has the capability to receive, store, and forward message traffic from and to all its members.

Nlets' sole purpose is to provide for the interstate and/or interagency exchange of criminal justice and related information. The mission of Nlets is to provide, within a secure environment, international justice telecommunications capability and information services that will benefit to the highest degree, the safety, security, and preservation of human life and the protection of property. Nlets will assist those national and international government agencies and other organizations with similar missions that enforce or aid in enforcing local, state or international laws or ordinances.

Message traffic includes free form administrative message data from one point to one or more points. Nlets supports inquiry into state motor vehicle, driver license, other databases and systems.

## **Other State's Databases**

In addition to local agency computer system interfaces, there are additional computer systems databases that are directly interfaced with the TLETS Message Switcher. These databases provide computerized record information on driver license, registration, stolen and wanted information and criminal history record information to authorized users on the TLETS.

- Driver License Information
- Vehicle Registration
- Boat Registration
- Criminal History Record Information
- Probation, Parole and Corrections Information

## **Communicating with Canada**

Nlets supports an interface to Canada for exchanging criminal justice and criminal justice related information. Through this interface, a variety of information is available.

## **International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)**

Interpol is also interfaced with Nlets and provides information services and exchange of certain law enforcement/criminal justice information with a number of foreign countries regarding criminal investigations

## **National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB)**

The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) is a crime prevention organization assisting law enforcement in the prevention, detection, and prosecution of the financial crimes of theft, fraud, and arson relating to personal property.

## **Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC)**

The Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC) provides timely information on aliens suspected of criminal activity and status information of aliens under arrest. The information may be used to assist with investigations, provide identification and background data on subjects for correctional departments or to notify INS of a subject's incarceration or placement on probation.

## **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)**

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) acts as a resource for searching parents and law enforcement professionals in their efforts to find and recover missing and abducted children. NCMEC also disseminates information to raise public awareness regarding the issues of child molestation, victimization, and sexual exploitation.

NCMEC provides a 24-hour, toll-free Hotline/CyberTipline accepting reports of missing children as well as lead information on missing and sexually exploited children. They also assist with photograph/poster preparation and distribution, age enhancement, facial reconstruction, imaging/identification services, educational materials and publications.

For additional information contact:

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children  
699 Prince Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314  
703-274-3900 or 800-843-5678

## **Treasury Enforcement Communications System (TECS)**

The TECS is an automated message switching system located in Washington, DC and is directly interfaced with the Nlets Switcher. TECS provides users in Texas access to various Federal agencies and is host to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) aircraft registration files.

## **Federal Agency Access**

- Postal Inspection Service
- Department of State
- Department of Interior
- National Park Service
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- US Park Police
- Veterans Administration Police
- Federal Protection Service
- US Coast Guard
- Department of Army
- Naval Investigative Service
- Air Force Office of Special Investigations
- US Secret Service
- Department of Justice

- US Marshal
- Drug Enforcement Agency
- US Courts Administration
- Department of Homeland Security – Immigration and Customs Enforcement

## **System Access and Dissemination Policies**

### ***TLETS/Nlets***

Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System and the International Justice and Public Safety Network are designed exclusively for use by criminal justice agencies in conducting their lawfully authorized duties within their respective jurisdictions and between agencies as required. Data obtained over these systems may only be disseminated to criminal justice agencies as defined in State Statute and Federal Regulations. Secondary dissemination by those agencies is permissible when authorized for a specific purpose by state and federal laws. Each agency must ensure that TLETS terminals and/or terminals on local systems, which have access to TLETS, are secure from unauthorized use.

### ***NCIC/TCIC***

The data stored in the NCIC System and the III File are documented criminal justice information and must be protected to ensure correct, legal and efficient dissemination and use. It is incumbent upon an agency operating an NCIC terminal to implement the necessary procedures to make that terminal secure from any unauthorized use. Any departure from this responsibility warrants the removal of the offending terminal from further NCIC participation. The same access policy guidelines in NCIC apply to TCIC.

### ***CJIS (Criminal Justice Information System)***

“A Criminal Justice Agency is defined as a court, a governmental agency, or any subunit of a governmental agency which performs the administration of criminal justice pursuant to a statute or executive order and which allocates a substantial part of its annual budget to the administration of criminal justice. State and federal Inspectors General Offices are included.”

The **Administration of Criminal Justice** is defined as: “The detection, apprehension, detention, pretrial release, post-trial release, prosecution, adjudication, correctional supervision, or rehabilitation of accused persons or criminal offenders. It also includes criminal identification activities; the collection, storage, and dissemination of criminal history record information; and criminal justice employment. In addition, administration of criminal justice includes “crime prevention programs” to the extent access to criminal history record information is limited to law enforcement agencies for law enforcement programs (e.g. record checks of individuals who participate in Neighborhood Watch or “safe house” programs) and the result of such checks will not be disseminated outside the law enforcement agency.”

Use of the system for any **non-criminal justice purpose** is in violation of the agency’s TLETS User Agreement and could result in the termination of service to any agency found responsible for such offenses. Individuals, businesses, organizations and governmental entities not defined as criminal justice agencies; such as tax offices or municipal offices, are not authorized to access under the above regulations. They may obtain certain information and data directly from the agencies responsible for keeping the files such as vehicle and boat registration information or driver license data.

## **Personnel Security Policy and Procedures**

To verify identification, a state of residency and national fingerprint-based record checks shall be conducted within 30 days of assignment for all personnel who have direct access to criminal justice information (CJI) and those who have direct responsibility to configure and maintain computer systems and networks with direct access to CJI. If a felony conviction of any kind exists, the hiring authority in the Interface Agency shall deny access to CJI. If the person already has access to CJI and is subsequently arrested and or convicted, continued access to CJI shall be determined by the CSO.

Support personnel, contractors, and custodial workers with access to physically secure locations or controlled areas (during CJI processing) shall be subject to a state and national fingerprint-based record check unless these individuals are escorted by authorized personnel at all times. It is recommended individual background re-investigations be conducted every five years.

### **Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Security Policy**

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/SecurityReview/CJISSecurityPolicyv5.pdf>

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## **Sanctions for System Misuse**

Every agency must operate their TLETS terminal and/or interface system in a professional manner, adhering to the rules, regulations, procedures, and policies. Administration of these rules is the responsibility of the Texas Department of Public Safety. Violations of the rules, regulations, policies, and procedures or any other misuse or abuse of the system, will result in the following sanctions:

1. The first violation will result in a notification letter to the administrator of the offending agency.
  - This letter will outline the infraction and will request future compliance.
  - The Department of Public Safety will retain a copy of the letter on file.
2. The second violation will result in an agency notification to the administrator of the offending agency.
  - This letter will outline the infraction and request future compliance.
  - The Department of Public Safety will retain a copy of the letter on file.

Continued serious violations will result in notification of the agency administrator to discuss the possibility of more severe sanctions including, but not necessarily limited to, termination of service to the offending agency.

In those situations where clear violations of the law have occurred, criminal prosecution of the offender may occur.

## **Terminal Security**

The security of the terminal site and information printed at the terminal location is the responsibility of the participating agency.

Federal and state laws that govern the privacy and security of communications apply to all messages transmitted over this system. The existence, contents or meaning of messages and data transmitted or received shall not be divulged, except through authorized channels of transmission or reception, to any person other than the addressee, or to persons employed or authorized to forward such communications.

Terminals must be in locations that are secured from unauthorized access, and all employees authorized to access TLETS must receive instruction on the proper use and dissemination of information.

All printers and terminals must be in locations that eliminate the possibility of access by unauthorized persons to this information, and that protect equipment from unauthorized tampering.

The Criminal Justice Information Service (CJIS) Security Policy establishes guidelines and approval procedures for agencies that choose to interconnect with the Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications Systems (TLETS). These guidelines also require DPS to apply the requirements of the CJIS Security Policy to TLETS members. The CJIS Security Policy can be found at:

[www.txdps.state.tx.us/tcic2000](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/tcic2000)

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## TCIC/TLETS Contact Information

Area	E-mail/Phone
TCIC/TLETS Online Testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online Retesting for Existing Users</li> </ul>	<a href="http://tlets.txdps.state.tx.us/omnixx/desktop">http://tlets.txdps.state.tx.us/omnixx/desktop</a> <a href="https://tlets.txdps.state.tx.us/omnixx/desktop">https://tlets.txdps.state.tx.us/omnixx/desktop</a>
TLETS/TCIC Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TCIC/NCIC</li> <li>TLETS/Nlets</li> <li>User Access Request Form</li> <li>NCIC Code Manual</li> <li>Training Manuals and Materials</li> <li>Training Report Form</li> <li>Message Violations</li> </ul>	TCIC Online <a href="http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/tcic2000project">www.txdps.state.tx.us/tcic2000project</a> User Name: tcic2000 Password: DPSTCIC7# Forms Password: DPSTCIC7#  <a href="mailto:tcic.training@dps.texas.gov">tcic.training@dps.texas.gov</a> 512-424-2832
TCIC Control Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TCIC, NCIC</li> <li>Coding Procedures</li> <li>Format Problems</li> <li>Hit Confirmation Problems</li> </ul>	TCIC Control Center Operators (Available 24/7)  <a href="mailto:tcic.controlroom@dps.texas.gov">tcic.controlroom@dps.texas.gov</a> 512-424-2088 Fax 512-424-2748
TCIC Audit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparing for TCIC Audits</li> <li>TCIC/TLETS User Agreements</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:tcic.audit@dps.texas.gov">tcic.audit@dps.texas.gov</a> 512-424-2809
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Operations Intelligence Center (OIC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Terminal Troubleshooting</li> <li>Data Circuit Problems</li> </ul>	888-DPS-OIC0 800-63-TLETS 512-424-2139
CJIS Security Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Terminal Security Reviews</li> <li>User Security Reviews</li> <li>Terminal Moves/Changes</li> </ul>	Security Officer 512-424-5686 <a href="mailto:security.committee@dps.texas.gov">security.committee@dps.texas.gov</a>



## **Section 2: Driver License Databases**

By the end of this training session, the student will be able to:

- Identify the types of driver's license and identification card inquiries available through TLETS and Nlets.
- Compare the difference in the information that is included in each type of driver's license return.
- Describe the process to check a Mexican commercial driver's license and diplomatic licenses.
- Locate the Nlets state driver's license help file.
- Explain the procedure for requesting a manual driver's license check from TLETS or Nlets.

# Driver License Databases

## Texas Driver License and Identification Card Information

Driver license information is available through TLETS from the Texas Department of Public Safety (TxDPS) Driver License Division (DLD) database and from other states using the Nlets network. Driver License System (DLS) is the computerized system owned and maintained by the DPS.

Personal information obtained from driver license records are protected by a Statute handed down by the Legislature. The Motor Vehicle Records Disclosure Act (Texas Transportation Code, Section 730.004) states "Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, including Chapter 552, Government Code, except as provided by Sections 730.005-730.008, an agency may not disclose personal information about any person obtained by the agency in connection with a motor vehicle record."

Personal information obtained from driver license records are also restricted by the Federal Driver Privacy Protection Act of 1994 (18 U.S.C. §2721 et. Seq.). There are specific exclusions in these statutes for use by law enforcement. Therefore, driver license information obtained from the TLETS system is to be used strictly for Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement purposes only and may not be disseminated to the public.

**Personal information** is classified as information that identifies an individual, including an individual's photograph and/or computerized image, social security number, driver identification number, name, address (but not zip code), telephone number, and medical or disability information.

**A motor vehicle record** is any record that pertains to a motor vehicle operator's permit, motor vehicle title, motor vehicle registration, or identification card issued by an agency authorized to issue an identification document.

## Non-Law Enforcement Access to Texas DLS

It is a violation of the TLETS Agency Equipment Agreement for an agency to run a driver license check for insurance purposes on those who operate city or county vehicles. If a city or county needs driver license information for non-law enforcement purposes, they may contact DPS E-Commerce section at: [Ecommerce@dps.texas.gov](mailto:Ecommerce@dps.texas.gov) or 512-424-5967.

LRS/Online Services  
Texas Department of Public Safety  
5805 N. Lamar Blvd.  
Austin, TX 78752-0360

DPS DLD will respond to requests for information stored in the driver license record database if the requestor is eligible to receive it. The general public, tax offices, and other non-criminal justice agencies can obtain driver license information by following other procedures as outlined by DPS. The DLD database cannot be used to verify if a person is qualified for a defensive driving course; the person is required to obtain a certified copy of a driving record directly from the Department of Public Safety.

Driver license information from other states may or may not be classified as public record information. Any non-criminal justice agency or person requesting information on obtaining DL information from another state should be directed to contact the driver licensing agency of that state.

## **Texas Identification Card Information**

Texas Identification Cards can be obtained by almost any Texas resident. Additionally, Texas residents can have both a driver license and an identification card. Identification card records are stored in DLS. Like the driver license, identification cards are assigned a unique eight digit number. The identification card is similar in appearance to the regular driver license with the exception that the words **Identification Card** are printed on the top front in bold green letters.

What is needed to obtain an ID certificate?

- Evidence of name and date of birth acceptable for an ID card (equivalent to those needed to obtain a driver license)
- No limit on age
- Must pay a fee
- No test is required
- Each person is limited to one ID card
- Expiration: Next birth date of applicant occurring 6 years after date of application

The DLS database stores both driving records and identification cards. A search into the DLS will yield results for both Driver Licenses and Identification Cards. As customers are identified as having both a driver license and an identification card, the information will be linked together and a single response will contain information from both types of records. Not all records are currently linked together. This will be an ongoing process over the next several years.

## ***Texas DL Inquiry Types***

There are two types of Texas driver license inquiries: Status Check and History Check.

The **Status Check** provides basic information regarding the subject: name, physical description, date of birth, most recent address, mailing address, record status, operator license number, card type, license class, expiration date, restrictions, endorsements and administrative status. A few other fields will be displayed when applicable: sex offender, communication impediment, organ donor, VISA expiration date, and the hazardous materials endorsement assessment. The Status Check was formerly known as the Regular Driver License Check.

The **History Check** provides the same information as the Status Check in addition to the driving history record of the individual. The History Check was formerly known as the Complete Driving Record Check and can be accessed by entering an X in the CPL field.

## ***Texas Driver License System Basics***

### **Name**

- A search using NAM matches the exact spelling of the last name and first name in the driver license record. **Soundex is not being used.**
- When searching by NAM, do not use a space following the comma between the last and first names.
- The middle name can be used but it will not narrow the search.
- Inquiries made on individuals with only one name require date of birth and should be sent with the last name followed by a “comma”.
- Inquiries made on individuals having a name of more than 30 characters are not currently supported through TLETS. Contact the nearest DPS Communications office or the Texas Joint Crime Information Center at 512-424-7981 for assistance.

### **Name Only Searches**

- A search using NAM alone will return a list of possible matches including the full name, the data of birth, the card number and the city of residence.
- If the search is not successful, validate the information supplied in the inquiry was accurate.

### **Date of Birth**

- A search using DOB matches the exact DOB in the driver license record.

### **History Check**

- When the record status indicates the driver is not eligible on a status check, re-inquire using a history check to obtain the active enforcement action.

## **Lawful Presence Requirement**

Applicants who are not U.S. Citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. must present proof of lawful presence before being issued an original, renewal or duplicate Texas DL and/or ID card. To reduce the risk of identity theft, enhance security and protect the integrity of the licensing process, individuals must present documentation to verify their U.S. citizenship or lawful presence status.

Once acceptable identification has been obtained, usually available electronically from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) the individual will be issued a Temporary Visitor designation and status date on the face of the card. If the lawful admissions period in the U.S. expires in LESS than six months from the date of the application, no DL or ID card of any status will be issued. If the applicant does not provide the necessary documentation or update the Temporary Visitor status date on or before the date of expiration the card is cancelled and the person may not operate a motor vehicle.

More information: <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/LawfulStatusDLID.htm>

## ***Texas Driver License Inquiry (DL)***

### **Agency/Case Data**

- Originating Agency Code (ORI)
- Enter X for CPL

### **Person Data**

- Name (NAM)
- *Date of Birth (DOB)*
- *Commercial Driver License (CDL)*

### **OLN Data**

- Operators License Number (OLN)

### **Image Data**

- *Image Request (IMQ)*
- *Reason (RSN)*
- *Email Address (EML)*

### **Special Options**

- Control Field (CTL)

## **Texas Driver License Returns**

Driver License System responses vary depending on the type of request made and the matches in the database. The return will provide record status, administrative status and card status. The driver history record will categorize the history into Enforcement Actions, Convictions, and Crash (accident) information with each category grouped together in the response. Please note that Texas DPS Driver License System postdates convictions and other items, prior to the dates that the action becomes effective.

### ***Single Record Status Response:***

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SEARCH ON 99999999
LAST NAME: TEST
1ST/MID/SFX: MARY JO
DESCRIPTION: WHITE\FEMALE\01011961\5-04\100\BROWN\BROWN
SEX OFF: COMM IMPED: ORGAN DONOR: VISA EXP:
PHYSICAL ADD: 123 LIB TECH SUPP
CI/CO/ST/ZIP: TEST,TRAVIS,TEXAS,78155
MAILING ADD: 123 LIB TECH SUPP
CI/ST/ZIP: TEST,TRAVIS,TEXAS,78155
REC STATUS: NOT ELIGIBLE
ADMIN STATUS:
HME THR ASMT: EXP:
CARD TYPE: DL #: 99999999 CLASS: C TYPE: DL EXPIR DATE: 01012014
RESTRICTIONS:
ENDORSEMENTS:
CARD STATUS:
***** END OF RECORD*****
MRI: XXXXXXXXXXXX IN: NDLSxx XXXXXXXX AT DDMMYYYY HH:MM:SS
OUT: XXXX 2 AT DDMMYYYY HH:MM:SS
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Information found on Return:	Explanation:
SEARCH ON 99999999	Identifies the information used in the inquiry
LAST NAME: TEST	Last name of record holder
1ST/MID/SFX: MARY JO	First/Middle/Suffix of record holder
DESCRIPTION: WHITE\FEMALE\01011961 \5-04\100\ BROWN\BROWN	Personal descriptors of Record Holder: Race\Sex\DOB\Height\Weight\Hair color\Eye Color
SEX OFF: COMM IMPED: ORGAN DONOR: VISA EXP:	<p><b>SEX OFF:</b> Sex Offender indicates whether the subject is a convicted sex offender. This field will contain Y if Yes and N if No and will be blank if unknown.</p> <p><b>COMM IMPED:</b> Comm Imped indicates whether the subject has a Communication Impediment. This field will contain Y if Yes and N when No and will be blank if unknown. The information used to populate this results field is currently being collected, so the information may not be accurate at this time.</p> <p><b>ORGAN DONOR:</b> Organ Donor indicates whether the subject has designated their desire to be an organ donor. This field will contain Y if Yes and N when No and will be blank if unknown.</p> <p><b>VISA EXP:</b> Visa Expired, if non-blank indicates the date the subject's VISA expires.</p>
PHYSICAL ADD: 123 LIB TECH SUPP CI/CO/ST/ZIP: TEST,TRAVIS,TEXAS,78155 MAILING ADD: 123 LIB TECH SUPP CI/ST/ZIP: TEST,TRAVIS,TEXAS,78155	Physical and Mailing Address for Record Holder
REC STATUS: NOT ELIGIBLE	<p><b>REC STATUS:</b> Indicates a person's eligibility to drive.</p> <p><b>Eligible</b> – The subject is eligible to drive; there are no active enforcement actions. This record status does not indicate that the subject has a valid Driver License, only that they are eligible.</p> <p><b>Eligible Non CDL – Not Eligible CDL</b> – The subject is eligible to drive non-commercial vehicles but currently is disqualified to have a Commercial Driver License</p> <p><b>Not Eligible</b> – The subject is not eligible to drive and has an active enforcement action.</p>
ADMIN STATUS:	<p><b>ADMIN STATUS:</b> Administrative Status provides information about the driver, but does not have any effect on the person's eligibility to drive.</p> <p>Examples of Administrative Status:  Prove Identity, Possible Fraud  Licensed in Another State/Jurisdiction  Reported Deceased  Occupational License Cancelled</p>

HME THR ASMT: EXP:	<b>HME THR ASMT:</b> Hazardous Material Threat Assessment reflects the subject's assessment when they carry the H – Hazardous materials endorsement. Value will be Approved or Denied. If approved, the expiration date will be included.
CARD TYPE: DL #: 99999999 CLASS: C TYPE: DL EXPIR DATE: 01012014	<b>CARD TYPE:</b> (DL) for Driver License or (ID) for Identification Card  <b><u>CLASS A</u></b> – Any combination of vehicles with a GCWR of 26,001 or more pounds provided the GVWR of the vehicle(s) being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds. (Holders of a Class A license may, with any appropriate endorsements, operate all vehicles within Class B and C.) <b><u>CLASS B</u></b> – Any single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 or more pounds, or any such vehicle designed to transport 24 or more passengers including the driver. (Holders of a Class B license may, with any appropriate endorsements, operate all vehicles within Class C.) <b><u>CLASS C</u></b> – Any single vehicle or combination of vehicles that does not meet the definition of Class A or Class B as contained therein, but that either is designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver, or is placarded for hazardous materials. <b><u>CLASS M</u></b> – Any motorcycle or moped.  Persons holding a CLASS B or C license may tow a farm trailer GVWR up to 20,001 lbs.  <b>COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE (CDL) IS REQUIRED IF:</b> The combination of vehicles if Gross Combination Weight Rating (GCWR) is 26,001 lbs. or more and the towed unit exceeds 10,000 lbs. Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR), or if towing unit GVWR is 26,001 lbs. or more. The single vehicle with GVWR of 26,001 lbs. or more. The Vehicle is designed to transport more than 16 passengers (including driver.)  <b>TYPE:</b> CDL for Commercial Driver License, DL for Driver License  <b>EXPIR DATE:</b> the date of expiration for the card.
RESTRICTIONS:	<b>RESTRICTIONS:</b> Lists the restrictions that the record holder must follow. Commonly used restrictions: <b>A</b> – with corrective lenses <b>B</b> – licensed operator in front seat <b>C</b> – daytime only <b>F</b> – must hold valid learner license to MM/DD/YY <b>I</b> – motor cycle not to exceed 250 cc <b>K</b> – moped <b>N</b> – ignition interlock required

ENDORSEMENTS :	<b>ENDORSEMENTS:</b>  <b>H</b> - Hazardous materials: CDL only <b>T</b> - Double or triple trailer <b>P</b> - Passenger: CDL only <b>S</b> - School Bus: CDL only <b>N</b> - Tank Vehicle: CDL only <b>X</b> - Combination N and H: CDL only
CARD STATUS :	<b>CARD STATUS:</b> Card Status provides information about the Driver License, ID card or Occupational License. <b>Card Status does not affect a person's eligibility to drive.</b>  Examples of Card Status: Verify Issue former state Revoked sex offender Voluntary surrender Voluntary surrender CSO Returned by post office Expired vision waiver Expired limb waiver Denied vision waiver Denied limb waiver Vision waiver needed Required downgrade
MRI:       XXXXXXXXXX       IN:       NDLSxx XXXXXXXXXX AT DDMMYYYY HH:MM:SS OUT: XXXX 2 AT DDMMYYYY HH:MM:SS	<b>MRI:</b> Identifies the message that was sent or received <b>IN:</b> Mnemonic of the database responding to the query <b>AT:</b> Day\Month\Year Hour\Minute\Seconds <b>OUT:</b> Mnemonic of PC that received the query response <b>AT:</b> Day\Month\Year Hour\Minute\Seconds



## ***Single Record History Response:***

SEARCH ON 11111111  
LAST NAME: TEST  
1ST/MID/SFX: FIRST,MIDDLE,JR  
DESCRIPTION: WHITE\MALE\07011966\6-01\272\BROWN\BLUE  
SEX OFF: N COMM IMPED: N ORGAN DONOR: VISA EXP:  
PHYSICAL ADD: 123 LIB TECH SUPP  
CI/CO/ST/ZIP: TEST,TRAVIS,TEXAS,78155  
MAILING ADD: P O BOX 9999  
CI/ST/ZIP: TEST,TRAVIS,TEXAS,78155  
REC STATUS: NOT ELIGIBLE  
ADMIN STATUS:  
HME THR ASMT: EXP:  
CARD TYPE: DL #: 11111111 CLASS: A TYPE: CDL EXPIR DATE: 07272012  
RESTRICTIONS: A WITH CORRECTIVE LENSES  
ENDORSEMENTS: N TANK VEHICLE  
CARD STATUS:

ENFORC ACTN: DISQUALIFIED - SUBSEQUENT CMV CONVICTION  
STATUS: ACTIVE BEGIN DT: 03062009 END DT: 12319999 LIFT DT: STATE: TX

ENFORC ACTN: DEPT SUSPENSION - DWLI  
STATUS: ACTIVE BEGIN DT: 02212009 END DT: 02202010 LIFT DT: STATE: TX

ENFORC ACTN: DISQUALIFIED - DWI - CMV AND/OR CDL  
STATUS: ACTIVE BEGIN DT: 01302009 END DT: 01292010 LIFT DT: STATE: TX

ENFORC ACTN: SR SUSPENSION - MANDATORY CONVICTION  
STATUS: ACTIVE BEGIN DT: 07122008 END DT: 12319999 LIFT DT: STATE: TX

ENFORC ACTN: MANDATORY SUSPENSION - INTOXICATION MANSLAUGHTER  
STATUS: ACTIVE BEGIN DT: 07122008 END DT: 07122009 LIFT DT: STATE: TX

CONVICTION: INTOXICATION MANSLAUGHTER  
OFF DT: 06102008 CONV DT: 05302008  
OFFENSE LOC: ,CAMERON CMV: Y HAZMAT: N

CONVICTION: DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED  
OFF DT: 01012007 CONV DT: 01052007  
OFFENSE LOC: TX,TRAVIS CMV: N HAZMAT: N

CONVICTION: UNSAFE CONDITION OF VEHICLE (NO SPECIFIED COMPONENT)  
OFF DT: 08302006 CONV DT: 10172006  
OFFENSE LOC: AL,,0640893338V0152867 CMV: Y HAZMAT: N

CONVICTION: DISREGARDED SIGNAL AT RAILROAD CROSSING  
OFF DT: 05052006 CONV DT: 05152006  
OFFENSE LOC: TX,TARRANT CMV: N HAZMAT: N

CRASH DT: 06092007 CRASH LOC: CRASH#: 12345  
SEVERITY: FATAL CMV: Y HAZMAT: Y  
\*\*\*\*\* END OF RECORD\*\*\*\*\*  
MRI: XXXXXXXXXXXX IN: NDLSxx XXXXXXXXXXXX AT DDMMYYYY HH:MM:SS  
OUT: XXXX 2 AT DDMMYYYY HH:MM:SS

<b>Information found on Return:</b>	<b>Explanation:</b>
SEARCH ON 11111111	Identifies the information used in the inquiry
LAST NAME: TEST	Last name of record holder
1ST/MID/SFX: FIRST,MIDDLE,JR	First/Middle/Suffix of record holder
DESCRIPTION: WHITE\MALE\07011966\6-01\272\BROWN\BLUE	Personal description of Record Holder: Race\Sex\DOB\Height\Weight\Hair color\Eye Color
SEX OFF: N COMM IMPED: N ORGAN DONOR: VISA EXP:	<p><b>SEX OFF:</b> Indicates whether the subject is a convicted sex offender. This field will contain Y (Yes), N (No) or blank if unknown.</p> <p><b>COMM IMPED:</b> Indicates whether the subject has a Communication Impediment. This field will contain Y (Yes), N (No) or blank if unknown. The information is currently being collected, so it may not be accurate at this time.</p> <p><b>ORGAN DONOR:</b> Indicates whether the subject is an organ donor. This field will contain Y (Yes), N (No) or blank if unknown.</p> <p><b>VISA EXP:</b> Indicates the date the subject's VISA expires.</p>
PHYSICAL ADD: 123 LIB TECH SUPP CI/CO/ST/ZIP: TEST,TRAVIS,TEXAS,78155 MAILING ADD: P O BOX 9999 CI/ST/ZIP: TEST,TRAVIS,TEXAS,78155	Physical and Mailing Address for Record Holder
REC STATUS: NOT ELIGIBLE	<p><b>REC STATUS:</b> Indicates a person's eligibility to drive.</p> <p><b>Eligible</b> – The subject is eligible to drive; there are no active enforcement actions. This record status does not indicate that the subject has a valid Driver License, only that they are eligible.</p> <p><b>Eligible Non CDL – Not Eligible CDL</b> – The subject is eligible to drive non-commercial vehicles but currently is disqualified to have a Commercial Driver License</p> <p><b>Not Eligible</b> – The subject is not eligible to drive and has an active enforcement action.</p>
ADMIN STATUS:	<p><b>ADMIN STATUS:</b> Provides information about the driver, but does not have any effect on the person's eligibility to drive.</p> <p>Examples of Administrative Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prove Identity, Possible Fraud</li> <li>Licensed in Another State/Jurisdiction</li> <li>Reported Deceased</li> <li>Occupational License Cancelled</li> </ul>
HME THR ASMT: EXP:	<b>HME THR ASMT:</b> Indicates the subject's assessment when they carry the H – Hazardous materials endorsement. Value will be Approved or Denied. If approved, the expiration date will be included.

<p><b>CARD TYPE:</b> DL #: 11111111 CLASS: A TYPE: CDL EXPIR DATE: 07272012</p>	<p><b>CARD TYPE:</b> (DL) for Driver License or (ID) for Identification Card</p> <p><b><u>CLASS A</u></b> – Any combination of vehicles with a GCWR of 26,001 or more pounds provided the GVWR of the vehicle(s) being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds. (Holders of a Class A license may, with any appropriate endorsements, operate all vehicles within Class B and C.)</p> <p><b><u>CLASS B</u></b> – Any single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 or more pounds, or any such vehicle designed to transport 24 or more passengers including the driver. (Holders of a Class B license may, with any appropriate endorsements, operate all vehicles within Class C.)</p> <p><b><u>CLASS C</u></b> – Any single vehicle, or combination of vehicles that does not meet the definition of Class A or Class B as contained therein, but that either is designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver, or is placarded for hazardous materials.</p> <p><b><u>CLASS M</u></b> – Any motorcycle or moped.</p> <p>Persons holding a CLASS B or C license may tow a farm trailer GVWR up to 20,001 lbs.</p> <p><b>COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE (CDL) IS REQUIRED IF:</b> The combination of vehicles if Gross Combination Weight Rating (GCWR) is 26,001 lbs. or more and the towed unit exceeds 10,000 lbs. Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR), or if towing unit GVWR is 26,001 lbs. or more. The single vehicle with GVWR of 26,001 lbs. or more. The Vehicle is designed to transport more than 16 passengers (including driver.)</p> <p><b>TYPE:</b> CDL for Commercial Driver License, DL for Driver License</p> <p><b>EXPIR DATE:</b> the date of expiration for the card.</p>
<p><b>RESTRICTIONS:</b> A WITH CORRECTIVE LENSES</p>	<p><b>RESTRICTIONS:</b> Lists the restrictions that the record holder must follow. Commonly used restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A</b> – with corrective lenses</li> <li><b>B</b> – licensed operator in front seat</li> <li><b>C</b> – daytime only</li> <li><b>F</b> – must hold valid learner license to MM/DD/YY</li> <li><b>I</b> – motor cycle not to exceed 250 cc</li> <li><b>K</b> – moped</li> <li><b>N</b> – ignition interlock required</li> </ul>
<p><b>ENDORSEMENTS:</b> N TANK VEHICLE</p>	<p><b>ENDORSEMENTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>H</b> - Hazardous materials: CDL only</li> <li><b>T</b> - Double or triple trailer</li> <li><b>P</b> - Passenger: CDL only</li> <li><b>S</b> - School Bus: CDL only</li> <li><b>N</b> - Tank Vehicle: CDL only</li> <li><b>X</b> - Combination N and H: CDL only</li> </ul>

<b>CARD STATUS:</b>	<p><b>CARD STATUS:</b> Provides information about the Driver License, ID card or Occupational License, not affect a person's eligibility to drive.</p> <p>Examples of Card Status:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Verify Issue former state</td><td>Expired vision waiver</td></tr> <tr> <td>Revoked sex offender</td><td>Denied vision waiver</td></tr> <tr> <td>Voluntary surrender</td><td>Vision waiver needed</td></tr> <tr> <td>Required downgrade</td><td>Denied limb waiver</td></tr> <tr> <td>Expired limb waiver</td><td>Returned by post office</td></tr> </table>	Verify Issue former state	Expired vision waiver	Revoked sex offender	Denied vision waiver	Voluntary surrender	Vision waiver needed	Required downgrade	Denied limb waiver	Expired limb waiver	Returned by post office
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Required downgrade	Denied limb waiver										
Expired limb waiver	Returned by post office										
<b>ENFORC ACTN: DISQUALIFIED -</b> <b>SUBSEQUENT CMV CONVICTION</b> <b>STATUS: ACTIVE BEGIN DT: 03062009</b> <b>END DT: 12319999 LIFT DT: STATE:</b> <b>TX</b>	<p><b>ENFORC ACTN:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describes an enforcement action, such as a driver license suspension, that has been imposed on the subject including the location (<b>STATE</b>) that the action was imposed.</li> <li>• Together with the <b>STATUS, ACTIVE BEGIN DT, END DT</b>, and <b>LIFT DT</b>, this field will fully describe the enforcement action. The status will indicate whether a particular action is pending, active, lifted or expired. The begin date will indicate the date the enforcement action is to begin.</li> <li>• The ending date for an enforcement action that contains the value "12-31-9999" indicates that the enforcement action is indefinite. Once the subject meets required compliances, the EA status will be updated and will be set to "lifted" and the lift date will be populated.</li> <li>• It is important to note that certain driver license suspensions and other disqualification actions may be entered with pending beginning dates. For example, the police action for "Driving While License is Suspended" should not be taken prior to the effective date of the suspension.</li> </ul>										
<b>CONVICTION: INTOXICATION</b> <b>MANSLAUGHTER</b> <b>OFF DT: 06102008 CONV DT:</b> <b>05302008</b> <b>OFFENSE LOC: CAMERON CMV: Y</b> <b>HAZMAT: N</b>	<p><b>CONVICTION</b></p> <p>Conviction describes the subject's driving convictions including the offense date (<b>OFF DT</b>), conviction date (<b>CONV DT</b>), and location (<b>OFFENSE LOC</b>). <b>CMV</b> indicates whether the conviction occurred in a commercial vehicle and <b>HAZMAT</b> indicates if the conviction occurred while transporting hazardous materials.</p>										
<b>CRASH DT: 06092007 CRASH LOC:</b> <b>CRASH#: 12345</b> <b>SEVERITY: FATAL CMV: Y HAZMAT: Y</b>	<p><b>CRASH</b></p> <p>Crash information describes the subject's accidents. Included are crash date (<b>CRASH DT</b>), crash location (<b>CRASH LOC</b>), crash number (<b>CRASH#</b>), and Severity (<b>SEVERITY</b>). <b>CMV</b> indicates whether the accident occurred in a commercial vehicle and <b>HAZMAT</b> indicates if the accident occurred while transporting hazardous materials.</p>										

### ***Search Results Do Not Yield A Match:***

SEARCH ON 99999999  
OLN/99999999  
NO RECORDS FOUND  
MRI: XXXXXXXXXXXX IN: NDLSxx XXXXXXXX AT DDMMYYYY HH:MM:SS  
OUT: XXXX 2 AT DDMMYYYY HH:MM:SS

Information found on Return:	Explanation:
SEARCH ON 99999999	Identifies the information used in the inquiry.
OLN/99999999	<b>OLN:</b> Operator License Number
NO RECORDS FOUND	<b>No Records Found:</b> Indicates there was no record found with the data used in the inquiry
MRI: XXXXXXXXXXXX IN: NDLSxx XXXXXXXX AT DDMMYYYY HH:MM:SS	<b>MRI:</b> Identifies the message that was sent or received <b>IN:</b> Mnemonic of the database responding to the query <b>AT:</b> Day\Month\Year Hour\Minute\Seconds
OUT: XXXX 2 AT DDMMYYYY HH:MM:SS	<b>OUT:</b> Mnemonic of PC that received the query response <b>AT:</b> Day\Month\Year Hour\Minute\Seconds

### ***More Than 50 Search Results Are Present:***

SEARCH ON TEST,HENRY  
NAM/TEST,HENRY  
OVER 50 MATCHING RECORDS FOUND  
<THE FIRST 50 MATCHES WILL BE DISPLAYED>  
MRI: XXXXXXXXXXXX IN: NDLSxx XXXXXXXX AT DDMMYYYY HH:MM:SS  
OUT: XXXX 2 AT DDMMYYYY HH:MM:SS

Information found on Return:	Explanation:
SEARCH ON TEST, HENRY NAM/TEST,HENRY	Identifies the information used in the inquiry.
OVER 50 MATCHING RECORDS FOUND <THE FIRST 50 MATCHES WILL BE DISPLAYED>	Indicates there are over fifty matching records found.
MRI: XXXXXXXXXXXX IN: NDLSxx XXXXXXXX AT DDMMYYYY HH:MM:SS OUT: XXXX 2 AT DDMMYYYY HH:MM:SS	<b>MRI:</b> Identifies the message that was sent or received <b>IN:</b> Mnemonic of the database responding to the query <b>AT:</b> Day\Month\Year Hour\Minute\Seconds <b>OUT:</b> Mnemonic of PC that received the query response <b>AT:</b> Day\Month\Year Hour\Minute\Seconds

When inquiries are unsuccessful, an administrative message may be sent to Driver License Division Communications at mnemonic address LIVI.

## Search Results Yield Multiple Matches:

SEARCH ON TEST,JANET  
 LAST NAME: TEST  
 FIRST/MIDDLE: JANET ANN  
 CARD NUMBER: 99999999 DOB: 1957-08-01  
 CITY: AUSTIN  
 LAST NAME: TEST  
 FIRST/MIDDLE: JANET SUE  
 CARD NUMBER: 88888888 DOB: 1954-01-01  
 CITY: DALLAS  
 LAST NAME: TEST  
 FIRST/MIDDLE: JANET MARIE  
 CARD NUMBER: 77777777 DOB: 1960-11-01  
 CITY: HOUSTON  
 MRI: XXXXXXXXXXXX IN: NDLSxx XXXXXXXX AT DDMMYYYY HH:MM:SS  
 OUT: XXXX 2 AT DDMMYYYY HH:MM:SS

Information found on Return:	Explanation:
SEARCH ON TEST,JANET	Identifies the information used in the inquiry.
LAST NAME: TEST FIRST/MIDDLE: JANET ANN CARD NUMBER: 99999999 DOB: 1957-08-01 CITY: AUSTIN	<b>LAST NAME:</b> Last name of a potential record holder <b>FIRST/MIDDLE:</b> First name of a potential record holder <b>CARD NUMBER:</b> ID or DL number that is associated with a potential record holder <b>DOB:</b> Date of birth of potential record holder. <b>CITY:</b> City of residence that the potential record holder has listed on their ID or DL
LAST NAME: TEST FIRST/MIDDLE: JANET SUE CARD NUMBER: 88888888 DOB: 1954-01-01 CITY: DALLAS	<b>LAST NAME:</b> Last name of a potential record holder <b>FIRST/MIDDLE:</b> First name of a potential record holder <b>CARD NUMBER:</b> ID or DL number that is associated with a potential record holder <b>DOB:</b> Date of birth of potential record holder. <b>CITY:</b> City of residence that the potential record holder has listed on their ID or DL
LAST NAME: TEST FIRST/MIDDLE: JANET MARIE CARD NUMBER: 77777777 DOB: 1960-11-01 CITY: HOUSTON	<b>LAST NAME:</b> Last name of a potential record holder <b>FIRST/MIDDLE:</b> First name of a potential record holder <b>CARD NUMBER:</b> ID or DL number that is associated with a potential record holder <b>DOB:</b> Date of birth of potential record holder. <b>CITY:</b> City of residence that the potential record holder has listed on their ID or DL
MRI: XXXXXXXXXXXX IN: NDLSxx XXXXXXXX AT DDMMYYYY HH:MM:SS OUT: XXXX 2 AT DDMMYYYY HH:MM:SS	<b>MRI:</b> Identifies the message that was sent or received <b>IN:</b> Mnemonic of the database responding to the query <b>AT:</b> Day\Month\Year Hour\Minute\Seconds <b>OUT:</b> Mnemonic of PC that received the query response <b>AT:</b> Day\Month\Year Hour\Minute\Seconds

## **Driver License Photo Returns**

Law Enforcement agencies have the capability to obtain Texas driver license photos. The ORI for the requesting agency must end in a numeric or N, E, or A to be able to obtain DL photos through TLETS. This includes agencies in Texas as well as agencies out-of-state that request DL photos through Nlets.

The Texas Department of Public Safety believes that the use of driver license photos is important to law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties. Driver license photos are considered personal information and protected by both state and federal laws. They may only be used for criminal justice purposes and may not be disseminated to any unauthorized personnel. Driver License inquiries requesting photos must contain Image Request (IMG), Reason (RSN) and Email (EML) of the requestor.

## ***Driver License Photos***

Most Driver License transactions support retrieval of driver license photos. TLETS allows operators to request photos from both other states and from the Texas Driver License System. For Texas driver photos, the most recent photo associated with the Driver License or Texas ID will be returned when the photo has been appropriately requested and is on file.

Only law enforcement agencies may receive driver photos at this time. This is managed by the TLETS message broker that validates the ORI ends in a numeric character, "N", "A" or "E". Driver photos are not available on any transaction by name only. The minimum information needed to obtain the driver photo is NAM and DOB or OLN along with the image request (IMQ), a reason code (RSN) and the email (EML) address of the requestor. DLS will provide a photo through TLETS when there is only one record associated with the inquiry parameters

Driver photos are to be used as a name-based tool to assist the law enforcement agency when encountering individuals that are not carrying photo identification. They are considered sensitive information and should be handled with the same care as any other information that is provided through TLETS. This information should not be disseminated to criminal justice agencies that are not law enforcement. Driver record information is personal information protected as described by the Statutes as previously discussed and violations can result in civil and criminal penalties.

## **Driver License Image Retrieval**

The Driver License Image Retrieval (DLIR) system assists law enforcement agencies by making it possible to view the latest digital image of an individual with a Texas driver license or identification card, via the internet, in support of a law enforcement investigation. The DLIR system is offered to federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, at no charge. Authorized users of the DLIR system can retrieve an image by record number or search on last name and physical identifiers. Each agency obtains access to the DLIR system by submitting a User Agreement for the agency and an Image Retrieval Security Request form for each commissioned officer or investigative support person that will use the system.

Please check within your individual agency to determine if this system is currently being utilized. If no agreement is in place, contact the Driver License Image Retrieval Administrator at [cynthia.allison@dps.texas.gov](mailto:cynthia.allison@dps.texas.gov) to set up your agencies access to DLIR.

SEARCH ON 33452661,Y,TENAW8TXDPS.STATE.TX.US,C

NAME: TEST, TEST  
DESCRIPTION: HISPANIC\FEMALE\11041980\5-10\110\BLONDE\BLUE  
SEX OFF: COMM IMPED: ORGAN DONOR: N VISA EXP:  
PHYSICAL ADD: 5805 N LAMAR  
CI/CO/ST/ZIP: AUSTIN,ANDREWS,TEXAS,78752, UNITED STATES  
MAILING ADD: 5805 N LAMAR  
CI/ST/ZIP: AUSTIN,TEXAS,78752, UNITED STATES  
REC STATUS: NOT ELIGIBLE  
ADMIN STATUS:  
CARD STATUS:  
HME THR ASMT: EXP:  
CARD TYPE: DL #: 34292450 CLASS: C TYPE: DL EXPIR DATE: 11042016  
CARD TYPE: ID #: 33452661 EXPIR DATE: 11042007  
RESTRICTIONS:  
ENDORSEMENTS:  
IMG/IDENTIFYING IMAGE




\*\*\*\*\* END OF RECORD\*\*\*\*\*  
MRI: 2618996 IN: NDLS 12 AT 28MAR2011 09:04:21  
OUT: TWFX 9 AT 28MAR2011 09:04:21



Information found on Return:	Explanation:
<b>SEARCH ON:</b> 33452661,Y,TENAW@DPS.TEXAS.GOV, C	<b>33452661:</b> Driver license number used in inquiry <b>Y:</b> Image Request (Field must be populated with Y) <b>C:</b> The reason for the inquiry When requesting an Image the user must select the proper reason code used in the inquiry. These include: <b>J</b> – Criminal Justice Employment <b>C</b> – Criminal Justice Purposes <b>D</b> – Domestic/Violence Stalking <b>E</b> – Employee and Licensing <b>F</b> – Firearms Sales and Returns <b>S</b> – National Security
<b>NAME:</b> TEST, MARY JO	<b>Last Name, First Name</b> used on the record inquiry
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b> WHITE\FEMALE\11041980\5-10\110\BLONDE\BLUE	<b>Personal description on Record Holder:</b> Race\Sex\DOB\Height\Weight\Hair Color\Eye Color
<b>SEX OFF:</b> COMM IMPED: <b>ORGAN DONOR:</b> N <b>VISA EXP:</b>	<b>SEX OFF:</b> Indicates whether the subject is a convicted sex offender. This field will contain Y (Yes), N (No) or blank if unknown.  <b>COMM IMPED:</b> Indicates whether the subject has a Communication Impediment. This field will contain Y (Yes), N (No) or blank if unknown. The information is currently being collected, so it may not be accurate at this time.  <b>ORGAN DONOR:</b> Indicates whether the subject is an organ donor. This field will contain Y (Yes), N (No) or blank if unknown.  <b>VISA EXP:</b> Indicates the date the subject's VISA expires.
<b>PHYSICAL ADD:</b> 5805 N LAMAR <b>CI/CO/ST/ZIP:</b> 5805 N LAMAR AUSTIN,ANDREWS,TEXAS,78752,UNITED STATES <b>MAILING ADD:</b> 5805 N LAMAR <b>CI/STATE/ZIP:</b> AUSTIN,TEXAS 78752, UNITED STATES	Physical and Mailing Address for Record Holder
<b>REC STATUS:</b> NOT ELIGIBLE	<b>REC STATUS:</b> Indicates a person's eligibility to drive.  <b>Eligible</b> – The subject is eligible to drive; there are no active enforcement actions. This record status does not indicate that the subject has a valid Driver License, only that they are eligible.  <b>Eligible Non CDL – Not Eligible CDL</b> – The subject is eligible to drive non-commercial vehicles but currently is disqualified to have a Commercial Driver License  <b>Not Eligible</b> – The subject is not eligible to drive and has an active enforcement action.

<b>ADMIN STATUS:</b>	<b>ADMIN STATUS:</b> Administrative Status provides information about the driver, but does not have any effect on the person's eligibility to drive.  Examples of Administrative Status: Prove Identity, Possible Fraud Licensed in Another State/Jurisdiction Reported Deceased Occupational License Cancelled
<b>CARD STATUS:</b>	<b>CARD STATUS:</b> Provides information about the Driver License, ID card or Occupational License, not affect a person's eligibility to drive.  Examples of Card Status: Verify Issue former state Revoked Sex Offender Voluntary Surrender Returned by Post Office Expired vision waiver Expired limb waiver Denied vision waiver Denied limb waiver Vision waiver needed Required Downgrade
<b>HME THR ASMT: EXP:</b>	<b>HME THR ASMT:</b> Hazardous Material Threat Assessment reflects the subject's assessment when they carry the H – Hazardous materials endorsement. Value will be Approved or Denied. If approved, the expiration date will be included.
<b>CARD TYPE: DL #: 34292450 CLASS: C</b> <b>TYPE: DL EXPIR DATE: 11042016</b> <b>CARD TYPE: ID #: 33452661 EXPIR</b> <b>DATE: 11042007</b>	<b>CARD TYPE:</b> (DL) for Driver License or (ID) for Identification Card  <b><u>CLASS A</u></b> – Any combination of vehicles with a GCWR of 26,001 or more pounds provided the GVWR of the vehicle(s) being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds. (Holders of a Class A license may, with any appropriate endorsements, operate all vehicles within Class B and C.) <b><u>CLASS B</u></b> – Any single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 or more pounds, or any such vehicle designed to transport 24 or more passengers including the driver. (Holders of a Class B license may, with any appropriate endorsements, operate all vehicles within Class C.) <b><u>CLASS C</u></b> – Any single vehicle or combination of vehicles that does not meet the definition of Class A or Class B as contained therein, but that either is designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver, or is placarded for hazardous materials. <b><u>CLASS M</u></b> – Any motorcycle or moped. Persons holding a CLASS B or C license may tow a farm

	trailer GVWR up to 20,001 lbs.
	<p><b>COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE (CDL) IS REQUIRED IF:</b></p> <p>The combination of vehicles if Gross Combination Weight Rating (GCWR) is 26,001 lbs. or more and the towed unit exceeds 10,000 lbs. Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR), or if towing unit GVWR is 26,001 lbs. or more.</p> <p>The single vehicle with GVWR of 26,001 lbs. or more. The Vehicle is designed to transport more than 16 passengers (including driver.)</p> <p><b>TYPE:</b> CDL for Commercial Driver License, DL for Driver License</p> <p><b>EXPIR DATE:</b> the date of expiration for the card.</p>
<b>RESTRICTIONS :</b>	<p><b>RESTRICTIONS:</b></p> <p>Lists the restrictions that the record holder must follow.</p> <p>Commonly used restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A</b> – with corrective lenses</li> <li><b>B</b> – licensed operator in Front Seat</li> <li><b>C</b> – Daytime only</li> <li><b>F</b> – Must hold valid learner lic to MM/DD/YY</li> <li><b>I</b> – MC not to exceed 250 cc</li> <li><b>K</b> – Moped</li> <li><b>N</b> – Ignition Interlock required</li> </ul>
<b>ENDORSEMENTS :</b>	<p><b>ENDORSEMENTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>H</b> - Hazardous materials: CDL only</li> <li><b>T</b> - Double or triple trailer</li> <li><b>P</b> - Passenger: CDL only</li> <li><b>S</b> - School Bus: CDL only</li> <li><b>N</b> - Tank Vehicle: CDL only</li> <li><b>X</b> - Combination N and H: CDL only</li> </ul>
<b>IMG/IDENTIFYING IMAGE:</b>	

<b>MRI:</b> 2618996 <b>IN:</b> NDLS 12 <b>AT</b> 28MAR2011 09:04:21 <b>OUT:</b> TWFX 9 <b>AT</b> 28 MAR2011 09:04:21	<b>MRI:</b> Identifies the message that was sent or received <b>IN:</b> Mnemonic of the database responding to the query <b>AT:</b> Day\Month\Year Hour\Minute\Seconds Seconds <b>OUT:</b> Mnemonic of PC that received the query response <b>AT:</b> Day\Month\Year Hour\Minute\Seconds
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## Manual DL Requests

Manual driver license requests are available when online information is unavailable, not clear or contains errors. Requests are available Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. Routine manual search requests are usually processed within two hours. To request a manual driver license check send an administrative message to mnemonic **LVI** addressed to DPS Austin Attention: DLD

DLD Driver Improvement Bureau (DIB) provides certified copies of driver license records and suspension status verification. Requests are available Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. To request certified copies of driver license records and verification of suspension status send an administrative message to mnemonic **DIC1** addressed to DPS Austin Attention: DIB.

DLD Manual Services assists with misdemeanor investigations by providing driver license photos and other documentation, such as original DL applications. Contact 512-424-2234 for additional information. Fax requests to 512-424-5982. Indicate on agency letterhead the following information:

- Reason for Request
- Agency Name and ORI
- Requestor's Name, Title, ID or Badge Number
- Subject's Name, DOB, OLN, SOC
- Classification: Misdemeanor, Felony, Identification Only
- Method of Returning Results: Mail Email, FAX

The TXDPS Joint Crime Information Center (TXJCIC) provides information to law enforcement agencies via email or phone. Formerly known as the DPS Fusion Center, they assist with both misdemeanor and felony investigations by providing photos and other documentation. Requests should be sent to [TXJCIC@dps.texas.gov](mailto:TXJCIC@dps.texas.gov) or 512-424-7981 with the following information:

- Requestor Name, Agency, Title, Badge Number
- Type of investigation
- Case Number
- Subject's Name, DOB, OLN, SOC

## Nlets Driver License Inquiries

TLETS operators can obtain driver license status and history information from other states through Nlets. Nlets also supports a check on Diplomatic Driver Licenses, Commercial Driver Licenses, and the Mexican Federal License Information System (LIFIS).

### ***Query Driver Status By Name or OLN (DQ)***

#### **Agency/Case Data**

- Originating Agency Code (ORI)
- Destinations (DST)

#### **Person Data**

- Name (NAM)
- Sex (SEX)
- Date of Birth (DOB)
- License Number (OLN)
- Image Request (IMQ)
- Reason (RSN)
- Email Address (EML)
- Commercial License (CDL)

#### **Mexican Federal Commercial Driver License Data**

- License Number (OLN)

#### **Special Options**

- Control Field (CTL)

Not all states use these abbreviations. States may return the subject's name, address, physical description, license number, license type, restrictions and current status. The following abbreviations will assist the user in reading responses from Nlets out of state driver license responses:

<b>Prefix</b>	<b>Definition</b>
NAM	Name
RAC	Race
SEX	Sex
HGT	Height
WGT	Weight
HAI	Hair Color
EYE	Eye Color
SOC	Social Security Number
OLN	Driver License Number
OLT	Type Of License
EXP	Expiration Date
REST	Restrictions On License
STATUS	Current Status Of License

## ***Diplomatic Driver License***

The U.S. Department of State is responsible for issuing driver licenses to all diplomatic or consular personnel and their dependents that reside in the United States. Diplomatic driver record information is obtained through the Nlets Driver Inquiry transaction with the destination code US.

## ***Commercial Driver License***

Through partnership with Nlets, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) provides access to commercial driver license (CDL) information housed at American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA). This information is particularly useful to obtain CDL status regarding carrier drivers from states that do not provide CDL information in their returns. DPS has opted to allow operators to request CDL status from each state using the DQ, DL, RSDW, RSDWW, and QUERY Forms. FMCSA does not support the KQ format. Agencies are encouraged to request this additional information when a subject is operating a commercial vehicle.

## ***Mexican Federal License (Licencia) Information System (LIFIS)***

The United States recognizes the commercial driver license issued by the Secretary of Communication and Transportation (Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transportes - SCT). The federal driver license (Licencia Federal de Conductor) is comparable to a US issued commercial driver license (CDL). It is likely that Texas enforcement officers will encounter Mexican drivers with a Federal License (Licencia Federal) legally operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in the US. Such operations should comply with all safety and other requirements, including driver licensing, fuel taxes, registration taxes, vehicle safety.

The Licencia Federal Information System (LIFIS) responds to the Nlets driver license queries (DQ) using the POE of code **MX**. The LIFIS database currently only responds to requests using the operator license number (OLN). Inquiries by name and date of birth and/or driver history (KQ) inquiries into LIFIS could be supported in the future.

Mexican state issued driver license are **NOT** valid for operating a CMV in the United States and will not return a response for an inquiry through Nlets.

Refer to the schematic below for field location on the on the Federal License.

<b>SECRETARIA DE COMUNICACIONES Y TRANSPORTES</b>	
<b>CATEGORIA</b>	<b>"BC"</b>
<b>LICENCIA FEDERAL DE CONDUCTOR</b>	
<b>NOMBRE (NAME)</b>	<div>PHOTO</div>
<b>DOMICILIO (ADDRESS)</b>	
LIC. NO <u>DE102041</u>	
R.F.C. _____	
EXP REF	VENC

## ***LIFIS Response Information***

### **Date of Birth**

There is no date of birth field visible on the Federal Driver License (Licencia Federal de Conductor). Date of birth information is included as the first six numbers in the **RFC** field at the bottom right of the license. The six numbers that indicate birth date are displayed as year-month-day. Three additional numbers in the RFC field are used as tiebreakers to ensure the uniqueness of the license.

### ***Federal License Categories (Catagorias of Licencia Federal)***

There are 6 categories issued by the Secretary of Communication and Transportation. These categories do not correspond to CDL licenses issued in the United States.

Class	Definition
<b>A</b>	Authorizes holder to operate all sizes of passenger buses. The bus can carry mixed cargo (under the bus) but not placard-able amounts of hazardous material. This roughly compares to a US class B CDL with a passenger endorsement. A limited number of this categoria were previously issued to airport and seaport taxi drivers, but with a restriction on the back of the license to 12 passenger maximum.
<b>B</b>	Authorizes holder to operate all commercial freight trucks and combinations, including carrying placard-able amounts of hazardous materials. This is roughly comparable to a US class A CDL with endorsements for tank and double/triples.
<b>C</b>	Authorizes holder to operate commercial straight freight trucks (with maximum of 3 axles, including any trailer axle) excluding hazardous materials. This roughly compares to a US class B CDL with a tank endorsement.
<b>D</b>	There is no comparable CDL definition. Authorizes holder to operate automobiles and small buses which do not exceed 7,716 pounds (3500 kg) or have a capacity to carry more than 13 passengers (including the driver who also serves as a tour guide) for purposes of tourism.
<b>E</b>	Authorizes holder to operate any type of freight truck, including combination vehicles and includes carrying placard-able amounts of hazardous materials. This is roughly comparable to a US class A CDL with endorsements for hazardous materials, tank and double/triples.
<b>F</b>	Taxi drivers operating from any airport or seaport in Mexico. This is because airports and seaports are federal and require a federal license similar to driving a commercial vehicle on a federal road.

### **LIC No. (Operator License Number)**

The combination of license number and category in a LIFIS inquiry is equivalent to the OLN field in an inquiry of a US commercial license number. The inquiry must include the LIC number from the card along with the category in the OLN field of the inquiry. LIC numbers begin with alpha characters, which must be included as shown on the license. If there is more than one category on the document, users can make separate inquiries for each category or include more than one category as part of the inquiry number. Multiple categories must be entered at the end of the LIC number without spaces.

### **Expiration Date**

The Expiration (**VENC**) field (found on the lower right corner of license) indicates the date of expiration of the document in day-month-year order. When the document expires, a new document is issued; the new document indicates the driver now has been issued his or her second 10-year document by placing the letter "W" in front of the existing letters as the beginning of the license number. Similarly, the next license issued begins with an "X" indicating that license document is for a driver with over 20 years since the original Federal License was issued to that driver.

### **Date of Issue**

The Date of Issue is listed as **EXP**, not the expiration date. The EXP field is shown in day – month – year order.

### **Restrictions**

The top back of the license has a series of preprinted boxes. The pre-printed restriction box labeled "Eye Glasses" (LENTES) is applicable to operating a CMV in the United States. If the eye glasses (LENTES) box contains the word "Yes" (SI), the driver must be wearing corrective lenses to operate a CMV. Other preprinted restrictions could be marked and these could provide useful medical conditions of the driver, should they be involved in an accident. If the driver is restricted to operating a CMV in Mexico, the restriction would be documented in the large comment field labeled "Observations" (Observaciones). Federal Licenses are manually typed in field offices around Mexico; restriction phrases in the Observation Field are not standardized. It is expected this restriction phrase will be standardized when license issuance is computerized in Mexico.

Licenses not in the database at the time of the inquiry will be updated within 15 days to show the outcome of the verification. Status information will be returned on any subsequent Nlets checks.

Nlets responses from LIFIS use the following status indicators:

- If the license information is not in the database at the time of the initial inquiry, the status will indicate this by using the word CHECKING. This means the current status is being obtained from Mexico;
- If the license information was previously added, then the current status of the Federal License will be returned. Possible status responses include VALID, EXPIRED, DISQUALIFIED, NOT ISSUED;
- If Mexico has not responded within 15 days, the status returned will be ASSUMED NOT ISSUED.

For the Federal License to be valid to operate a CMV in the US the holder must either have received a new license document issued in the last two years or their license document must have been re-validated for all subsequent years.

The re-validation is indicated by an embossment(s) in the REF field, located in the lower middle part of the license. If the embossments in the REF field do not indicate the license has been re-validated for each of the two year periods up to and including the date when a user inspects the document, the driver is not currently valid to be operating a CMV. To assist users with determining if the driver has obtained the required two year re-validation, LIFIS responses spell out the word EXPIRES to make it explicit when the current permission to drive a CMV expires.



The address returned by LIFIS is for the official record-keeping city and state (where the license was originally issued). The Mexican licensing office listed by address in a LIFIS return is responsible for maintaining the permanent licensing file of the driver. Mexican national drivers who have moved from the original city of license can be traced through the original licensing office.

Additional information is available from Nlets by using the Nlets Help Files. In OMNIXX, use transaction code **NHF** to access Nlets Help. Information can also be obtained through the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, by calling the toll free number **800-528-4020**.

## **Nlets Driver History Transactions**

The Nlets Driver History Transaction (KQ) provides optional fields of ATN and PUR. It is recommended that law enforcement use these fields to document the requestor and the reason for the inquiry should any question come up in the future.

### ***Driver License Query History (KQ)***

#### **Agency/Case Data**

- Originating Agency Code (ORI)
- Nlets Destination Code
- Attention of Recipient (ATN)
- *Purpose Code (PUR)*

#### **Person Data**

- Name (NAM)
- Sex (SEX)
- *Date of Birth (DOB)*
- License Number (OLN)
- *Image Request (IMQ)*
- *Reason (RSN)*
- *Email Address (EML)*
- *Commercial License (CDL)*

#### **Special Options**

- Control Field (CTL)

## **Nlets Driver License Inquiry by Name Only**

Nlets agencies can search other state driver license databases with a name only inquiry. Responses will return possible matches. Not all state driver license databases support a name only search. To receive updated information use the Nlets help transaction form NHF and select NLNOQHELP.

### ***Driver License Search (DNQ)***

#### **Agency/Case Data**

- Originating Agency Code (ORI)
- Nlets Destination Code
- Next Page of Group (NXT)

#### **Driver License Data**

- Name (NAM)
- Sex (SEX)
- Age (AGE)
- City (CTY)
- County (COU)

#### **Special Options**

- Control Field (CTL)

## **Nlets Manual Driver License Checks**

Use the Nlets help files (send AM transaction to XXOLNHELP where XX is the State POE code) to get detailed information on a state's manual check process. Manual checks are requested by sending an administrative message to XXOLN0000.

### **Section 3: Vehicle Registration and Permit Inquiries**

By the end of this training session, the student will be able to:

- Identify the types of vehicle registration inquiries available through TLETS and Nlets.
- Compare the different information that is included in each type of vehicle registration return.
- Describe the process to check temporary permits.
- Locate the Nlets state vehicle registration help file.
- Explain the procedure for requesting a manual vehicle registration inquiry from Nlets.
- Summarize the Financial Responsibility Verification Program inquiry process.
- Compare the information included in Financial Responsibility Verification Program inquiry return.

# Vehicle Registration and Permits

Registration information for vehicles titled in Texas is available through TLETS from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TXDMV) Registration and Title System (RTS). Registration for vehicles registered in **other states** is available through **Nlets**.

Vehicle registration information obtained from the TLETS and Nlets systems is to be used for criminal justice and law enforcement purposes only and shall not be disseminated to the public. **It is not to be used in the collection of parking tickets or taxes.**

Vehicle registration information from other states may not be classified as public record information. Any non-criminal justice agency or person requesting instructions to obtain registration information from another state should contact the vehicle licensing agency of that state.

## Non-Law Enforcement Access to TXDMV

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TXDMV) allows individuals or companies to establish a motor vehicle inquiry account that allows for access through the Internet via a secure website. This would include: Auto dealers, auto auction, wrecker services, salvage yards, insurance companies, bank, credit unions, title services, and collection agencies, city/county municipalities that have code enforcement, university, colleges and private investigators.

The Federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act governs the release and use of personal data contained in the RTS database and provides for civil and criminal penalties for non-compliance with the law. The RTS database contains important, secure personal data concerning vehicle owners that is privacy protected by law and must be treated in a confidential manner.

For further information go to: <https://mvdinet.txdmv.gov/>

Vehicle Registration information obtained through TLETS **may not** be released to private citizens for any reason.

DMV is allowed by law to disclose personal information if an individual:

- Has written consent from the person who is the subject of the request
- Certifies the information will be used for a lawful, legitimate purpose

To request personal information, citizens complete a [Request for Texas Motor Vehicle Information](#) (VTR-275) form and certify the information will be used for a lawful, permitted purpose. Information can be found on the [DMV website](#) - <http://www.txdmv.gov/>

## Texas Vehicle Registration (REG)

Vehicle registration information is available through TLETS from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TXDMV) for vehicles titled in Texas through the Registration and Title System (RTS). TLETS users are allowed a maximum of five (5) inquiries in a single transmission. RTS provides information from several data sources:

- Vehicle Registration
- Dealer Plates
- Temporary e-Tags
- Plate with Owner
- Persons with Disabilities Vehicle Parking Placard

## ***REG Transaction (REG)***

### Agency/Case Data

- Originating Agency Code (ORI)

### Record Identifying Data

- Registration Type (RGT)
- Financial Responsibility Type (FRT)
- License Plate (LIC)
- Year (LIY)
- Vehicle ID Number (VIN)
- Placard (PLCD)

### Special Options

- Control Field (CTL)

## REG Transaction Returns

### ***No Record Response Example***

R 09 ABC1234 RESPONSE- NO RECORD RTS DATABASE
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When no record is found, TXDMV has searched all possible data sources and there is no matching information for the search criteria.

### ***Basic Inquiry Return***

- |  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| • Expiration Date                            | • VIN and Color of The Vehicle   |
| • Current and Previous License Plate Numbers | • Current Owner Name and Address |
| • Year, Make, Body Style                     | • Notation of a Lien If Recorded |
|  | • Remarks                        |

## ***Basic Inquiry Response Example***

R-JUL/14 LIC ABC1234,OLD # ABC1234  
13,HOND,2D,1XPRC8RW5JD5468435, COLOR: BLK  
JOHN Q PUBLIC, JANE I PUBLIC,114 ANYWHERE BLVD,  
HOTDOG,TX,71578  
LIEN RECORDED  
ACTUAL MILEAGE.DATE OF ASSIGNMENT:2012/08/13.E-TITLE.  
MRI: 14981022 IN: MVD 126302 AT 07JAN2014 16:37:20  
OUT: M222 6 AT 07JAN2014 16:37:20

## ***Enhanced Basic Inquiry Return***

- Expiration Date
- Current and Previous License Plate Numbers
- Year, Make, Body Style
- VIN and Color of the Vehicle
- Current Owner Name, Social Security Number (If Available) and Address
- Notation of a Lien If Recorded
- Remarks

## ***Enhanced Basic Response Example***

R-JUL/2014 LIC ABC1234,OLD # ABC1234  
2013,HOND,,2D, 1XPRC8RW5JD5468435 , COLOR: BLK  
JOHN Q PUBLIC,ID#=N/A,JANE I PUBLIC,  
114 ANYWHERE BLVD HOTDOG, TX 71578  
LIEN RECORDED  
ACTUAL MILEAGE.DATE OF ASSIGNMENT:2012/08/13.E-TITLE.  
MRI: 15001117 IN: MVD 128356 AT 07JAN2014 16:47:28  
OUT: M222 7 AT 07JAN2014 16:47:28

## ***Complete Inquiry Return***

- Current License Number
- Expiration Date of License
- Estimated Weight of Vehicle
- Gross Weight
- Type of License Plate
- Validation Sticker, If Available
- Registration Class and Fee
- Title Number; Issue Date of Title
- Year, Make, Body Style
- VIN, And Color of the Vehicle
- Type of Vehicle
- Previous Owner and Address
- Current Owner Name and Address
- Lien Holder and Lien Holder's Address
- Plate Age
- Remarks

## ***Complete Response Example***

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LIC ABC1234 EXPIRES JUL/14 EWT 3000 GWT 3000
PASSENGER-TRUCK PLT, STKR REG CLASS 02 $ 64.25
TITLE 74638581141084943 ISSUED 07/09/13 ODOMETER 12
13 HOND 2D 1XPRC8RW5JD5468435 PASS COLOR: BLK
PREVIOUS OWNER BUCKY BEAVER DODGE, DAMM, TX
OWNER JOHN Q PUBLIC, ID#=N/A, JANE I PUBLIC,
114 ANYWHERE BLVD HOTDOG, TX 71578
LIEN 07/09/13 IMA BANK, PO BOX 63487, FINANCIAL, CA 47589
PLATE AGE: 1
REMARKS ACTUAL MILEAGE.DATE OF ASSIGNMENT:2012/08/13.E-TITLE.
MRI: 15009429 IN: MVD 129201 AT 07JAN2014 16:51:44
OUT: M222 8 AT 07JAN2014 16:51:44
```

## ***All Enhanced Complete Inquiry Return***

- Current License Number
- Expiration Date of License
- Previous License Number
- Estimated Weight of Vehicle
- Gross Weight
- Type of License Plate
- Validation Sticker, If Available
- Registration Class and Fee
- County Of Registration
- Registration Date
- Title Number; Issue Date of Title
- Year, Make, Body Style
- VIN, And Color of the Vehicle
- Type of Vehicle
- Vehicle Sales Price
- Previous Owner and Address
- Current Owner Name, Social Security Number (If Available) and Address
- Lien Holder and Lien Holder's Address
- Plate Age
- Date and Description of Last Activity
- Remarks

## ***All – Enhanced Complete Response Example***

```
LIC ABC1234 JUL/2014 OLD # DEF5876 JUL/2013 EWT 3000 GWT 3000
PASSENGER-TRUCK PLT, STKR REG CLASS 02 $ 84.25 BRAVO CNTY
TITLE 74638581141084943 ISSUED 07/09/13 ODOMETER 12 REG DT 08/08/2013
2013,HOND,,2D, 1XPRC8RW5JD5468435,PASS,COLOR: BLK, PRICE $ 19249.00
PREV OWN BUCKY BEAVER DODGE,DAMM, TX
OWNER JOHN Q PUBLIC, ID#=N/A, JANE I PUBLIC,
114 ANYWHERE BLVD HOTDOG, TX 71578
RNWL RCP ,1620 CENTER DR,,MUSTARD,TX, 74585
LIEN 07/19/2013, IMA BANK, PO BOX 63487, FINANCIAL, CA 47589

PLATE AGE: 1 LAST ACTIVITY 07/17/2013 RENEW OFC: 227
REMARKS ACTUAL MILEAGE.DATE OF ASSIGNMENT:2012/08/13.E-TITLE.
MRI: 14416304 IN: MVD 70320 AT 07JAN2014 12:00:54
OUT: M222 2 AT 07JAN2014 12:00:54
```

## **Vehicle Registration Information**

Registration information on most plates, including multi-year license plates (plates with window validation stickers), non-dealer license plates, and other annual plates such as combination plates, is available until the registration expires. Additional registration information may be found in DMV's Inactive and Archive files.

Personalized license plates are issued to individuals, not vehicles. RTS maintains registration information for 60 days past the plate expiration date. A personalized license plate should be inquired by the year of expiration displayed on the window validation sticker. If the DMV has not received notification from a county tax office concerning which vehicle has been issued the personalized plate, the return defaults to the name and address of the individual the plate was issued to.

While the license year (LIY) is a required field when requesting vehicle registration information by plate number, it is not used to obtain the records or returning the response. When multiple results are received, the responses are received consecutively by the most recent registration.

### ***No Record Response***

If a "NO RECORD" response is received and the VIN is for a vehicle manufactured prior to 1991 a manual check of the VTR purged microfiche records may be needed. The make and year of the vehicle must be included with the manual check request. If the VIN is for a vehicle manufactured after 1991, the NICB (National Insurance Crime Bureau) database through Nlets using Message Key NAQ can be used to obtain additional information.

### ***Voided License Response***

An inquiry by license plate number may result in a "VOIDED LICENSE" response. This response occurs when a license plate has been returned to a DMV VTR regional office, most often from a wrecking yard, and should not be displayed on a vehicle. In this case, the manual check may be requested by license plate number. Include a statement that the TLETS inquiry response for that plate number indicates an invalid registration.

### ***RTS Remarks***

The RTS response often includes brief remarks, occasionally including the date the remark was entered.

## **TXDMV Registration Records**

Most comments in the Texas registration returns will be regarding titling and licensing ONLY. TLETS users should pay attention to the comment: "VERIFY\*\*\*\* STOLEN\*\*\*\*TCIC BY VIN" .

The Texas DPS updates the stolen remarks in the DMV computer weekly. Several days could pass before the stolen vehicle remark is removed from the DMV record due to a recovery. Be sure to inquire into the TCIC/NCIC databases using transaction code 'QV' to check and verify stolen status on a vehicle with the originating agency **before** initiating any action.

If the remark remains on the DMV record for more than five days following the record being cleared from the TCIC/NCIC database by the entering agency, the inquiring agency should contact AUSTIN DPS CRIME RECORDS SERVICE (TCIC) at mnemonic address CRDP. **DO NOT** send messages requesting removal of these stolen records until five days have passed from the date the record was cleared from the TCIC/NCIC database.



## ***Plate with Owner***

Vehicle dealers are required to remove license plates and registration stickers from passenger cars and trucks purchased or received in trade. When a customer sells and then purchases another vehicle from the same dealer, the dealer is expected to make an offer to transfer the plates to the customer's new vehicle. By keeping the license plate number assigned to an individual, law enforcement and homeland security should be able to more easily trace the license plate number to the authorized owner(s) assigned the license plate number.

In private sales, the seller has the option of removing the vehicle license plate from the vehicle being sold. DMV highly recommends that the seller retain the plates of their vehicle and transfer them to another seller-owned vehicle or destroy the license plates. The idea is that when license plates remain with the same person throughout the lifetime of the license plate, the chance that a vehicle is misidentified in active law enforcement investigations is reduced substantially.

In a "plate-with-owner" situation, the DMV response will reflect whether the plate is:

- Reassigned to another vehicle
- Not successfully reassigned to another vehicle

If no new assignment of the plate has occurred, the operator of the vehicle should be able to present proof that the vehicle is legally registered. When license plates have been removed from the vehicle and the dealer or owner has completely followed through the assignment of the plates to another vehicle registration and RTS has been updated, the response will contain the plate-to-owner as well as the vehicle registration. In this case, the actual registration information will vary depending on whether the request was a Basic, Enhanced Basic, Complete or All – Enhanced Complete.

## Plate with Owner Return

```
SELECTION REQUEST: VIN  1P3ES27CXTD648146

LICENSE PLATE:      279WWT      VALID:2008/10/25 00:00:00--    0/ 0/ 0  0: 0: 0

PREVIOUS VEHICLE INFORMATION:
YR:1996 MAK:PLYMOUTH      MODL:NEO      STYL:4D
SEDAN
VIN: 1P3ES27CXTD648146      TITLE 15000039571120305
LICENSE PLATE STATUS: PLATE WITH OWNER
PLATE OWNER: DAFFY DUCK,1103 DISNEYLAND,CALIFORNIA,90643
REMARKS: ADDITIONAL RTS REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

Second output: Previous RTS registration information.
LIC 279WWT EXPIRES NOV/08 EWT  2500 GWT  2500
PASSENGER PLT, STKR      REG CLASS 25  $ 52.55
TITLE 15000039571120305 ISSUED 05/13/08 ODOMETER N/A
96 PLYM  4D  1P3ES27CXTD648146      PASS
PREVIOUS OWNER  MICKEY MOUSE,LLANO,TX
OWNER  DAFFY DUCK,DISNEYLAND CALIFORNIA  90643
PLATE AGE:  1
REMARKS PLATE REMOVED FROM VEHICLE.RELEASE OF PERSONAL INFO RESTRICTED.VEH
TRANSFERRED:2008/10/25.
MRI: 70671120 IN: MVD1 32366 AT 02DEC2008 10:56:22
OUT: TWFX 8 AT 02DEC2008 10:56:22
```

## Dealer Plates

Because dealer tags are not associated with a particular vehicle/VIN number, RTS does not return actual vehicle registration on dealer tags. The response for dealer tags contains the expiration date; the name, address and dealer number of the dealer the plate was issued to; the plate status); and in most cases the VTR regional office and county code of where the plate was issued.

## Dealer Plate Return

```
YYYY MM DEALER      P00000
ISSUED TO
<DEALER NAME>
<DEALER STREET ADDRESS>
<CITY STATE AND ZIP>
MASTER DEALER NUMBER XXX
PLATE EXPIRES: YYYY/MM  PLATE STATUS: XXXXXX
CODE <VTR OFFICE>  <COUNTY CODE>
```

When the Code is displayed as "000", it could mean:

- A dealer franchise. Dealership franchises do not receive plates.
- A situation where the VTR office and County Code are unavailable.

## ***Temporary e-Tags***

Temporary e-Tags (implemented from the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session 2007) are designed to make processing dealer tags fast and easy for dealerships throughout the state while making temporary tag information available in almost real-time to law enforcement. The statutory provisions are located in the Transportation Code, Section 503, Subchapter C.

Dealers who hold a General Distinguishing Number license can issue dealer temporary tags, buyer's temporary tags, and Internet-down temporary tags for each type of vehicle the dealer is licensed to sell.

Temporary e-tags are to be placed on all (new used, and trailers) vehicles sold.

- e-Tags need to be placed in the rear license plate display area of the vehicle.
- Paper tags should be secured with double sided tape or with a license plate holder to keep the tag from flapping up in the wind.
- If the buyer wants to put their old plates on the "new" vehicle they buy, the e-Tag must go on top of the old plate until the registration sticker is issued by the county tax office. As a service to the customer, the temporary tag may be placed over the metal plate so the buyer can simply remove the paper tag once they receive their registration sticker.

Types of Temporary e-tags:

- Buyer's Tag – top line will read "Texas Buyer"
- Dealer's Temporary Tags
- Dealer's Tag (Assigned to Vehicle) top line reads "Texas Dealer" second line indicates Dealer
- Dealer's Tag (Assigned to Agent) top line reads "Texas Dealer" second line indicates Dealer, the agent's name will be displayed in the TLETS response
- Converter's Tags top line reads "Texas Converter"
- Internet Down Tag – Used when the dealer temporarily cannot access the Internet. It is a blank template that requires the dealer to fill in all the information except the vehicle specific number. This vehicle specific information will be entered into the database within 48 hours.
- Emergency Tag – Used when power and/or Internet connectivity is unavailable for more than 48 hours. This type of tag will be rarely used except in emergency situations such as a Hurricane or Flood. Information will not be turned into the state database until the Dealer service is restored.

## Temporary e-Tag Responses

SELECTION REQUEST: TEMPORARY TAG XXXXXXXX  TEMPORARY TAG: XXXXXXXX VALID:YYYY/MM/DD HH:MM:SS--YYYY/MM/DD HH:MM:SS YR:YYYY MAK:<VEHICLE MAKE> MODL:<VEHICLE MODEL> STYL:<VEHICLE STYLE> VIN: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  BUYER TEMPORARY TAG NAME: <FIRST NAME> <LAST NAME>,<ADDRESS>,<CITY>,<STATE>,<ZIP>
SELECTION REQUEST: TEMPORARY TAG XXXXXXXX  TEMPORARY TAG: XXXXXXXX VALID:YYYY/MM/DD 00:00:00--YYYY/MM/DD 00:00:00 YR:0000 MAK:  DEALER TEMPORARY TAG - AGENT REASON: DEMONSTRATION NAME: <AGENT NAME>,<ADDRESS>,<CITY>,<STATE>,<ZIP>
SELECTION REQUEST: TEMPORARY TAG XXXXXXXX  TEMPORARY TAG: XXXXXXXX VALID:2009/05/21 00:00:00--2009/07/20 00:00:00 YR:YYYY MAK:<VEHICLE MAKE> MODL:<VEHICLE MODEL> STYL:<VEHICLE STYLE> VIN: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  DEALER TEMPORARY TAG - VEHICLE REASON: FOR TRANSIT NAME: <DEALER NAME>,<ADDRESS>,<CITY>,<STATE>,<ZIP>

Secondary paperwork should be carried in the vehicle when it is displaying temporary e-tags. The buyer is required to carry the buyer's receipt until the vehicle is registered and titled in their name. The information on the secondary paperwork must match the information on the preprinted tag. Secondary paperwork for dealers and converter tags is not required to be carried in the vehicle.

Transportation Code Sections 503.067, 503.094 and 503.095 provide for prohibition and penalties related to temporary tags. Operation of a vehicle with an unauthorized temporary tag or illegally purchasing a temporary tag is subject to a class C misdemeanor. Illegal sale or distribution of a temporary tag or an item represented to be a temporary tag (except when the dealer is issuing the tag at a legitimate sale or a printer or distributor is selling tag templates to licensed motor vehicle dealers for legitimate purposes) is subject to a Class A misdemeanor. Illegal production or reproduction of a temporary tag or an item represented to be a temporary tag for the purpose of illegal distribution is subject to a state jail felony.

More information, including investigator assistance, can be obtained from (512) 416-4911 or [MVD\\_LawEnforcementTraining@dot.state.tx.us](mailto:MVD_LawEnforcementTraining@dot.state.tx.us)

## National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS)

The National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) provides previous vehicle title information from various state jurisdictions (Texas, Louisiana). Any registration (plate number) or VIN that has a previous title number (TTL) will have an additional line added to the return. This information will appear after the line containing the VIN. Additional information can be found in the "Remarks" section (example: "NMVTIS HOLD").

```
LIC CDX4458 EXPIRES DEC/14 EWT 3880 GWT 3880
PASSENGER-TRUCK PLT, STKR REG CLASS 02 $ 60.25
TITLE 24800041505110009 ISSUED ODOMETER 91423
05 NISS PK 1N6ED29X24C423153 PASS COLOR: GRY
PREV TTL: JUR LA TTL # 71717182828271717 ISSUE 03/11/2011
PREVIOUS OWNER MARCO H AYALA/MARIA G AY,POMONA,CA
OWNER MARCO AYALA,MARIA AYALA,
701 MARTIN ST,,KERMIT,TX 79745
PLATE AGE: 0
REMARKS TITLE REJECTED 2013/08/23.NMVTIS HOLD:07/03/2013.ACTUAL MIL
EAGE.DATE OF ASSIGNMENT:2013/08/20.PAPER TITLE. SPCLREGID: 00000000
0.,DBN=5;.
MRI: 67867 IN: MVD 110 AT 02APR2014 18:02:11
OUT: U8ME 3 AT 02APR2014 18:02:11
```

An additional NMVTIS remark that may be found is "BRAND HOLD DATE". The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA), not RTS, uses this to indicate that their database has a related violation/discrepancy related to the vehicle title.

Other remarks that are NOT related to NMVTIS are:

**TOLL SCOFFLAW** – Toll violations (maximum of 3) in ascending chronological date (oldest to newest)

**CRUSHED** – The date the vehicle was crushed.

```
LIC CFC7686 EXPIRES DEC/14 EWT 3800 GWT 4800
PASSENGER-TRUCK PLT, STKR REG CLASS 03 $ 62.75
TITLE 08431738942121112 ISSUED 02/14/07 ODOMETER 73
07 TOYT PK 3TMKU72N86M008593 TRK<=1 COLOR: SIL
PREVIOUS OWNER STAR TOYOTA,LEAGUE CITY,TX
OWNER ERNEST JUNEMANN,
103 14TH AVE N,,TEXAS CITY,TX 77590
LIEN 12/27/06 GULF SHORE FCU,PO BOX 1499,TEXAS CITY,TX 77592
PLATE AGE: 0
REMARKS ACTUAL MILEAGE.TOLL SCOFFLAW: GRAYSON CO RMA.TOLL SCOFFLAW:
N TX TOLL AUTHORITY.TOLL SCOFFLAW: CAMERON CO RMA.PAPER TITLE.VEHI
CLE CRUSHED:12/20/2013.BRAND HOLD DATE 12/21/2013. SPCLREGID: 00000
0000.,DBN=5;.
MRI: 83064 IN: MVD 6 AT 18APR2014 13:46:43
OUT: U8ME 1 AT 18APR2014 13:46:43
```

## ***Disabled Person Placard Inquiry***

TXDMV offers a database for Disabled Person Identification Placards called Electronic Placard Database or EPD. A red placard indicates a temporary disabled person permit and the first character will be an R followed by 8 characters and a P (for Placard). The blue placard indicates a permanent disabled person permit with the first character being a B followed by 8 characters and a P (for Placard). The placard number is ten characters in length.

## ***Disabled Person Placard Return***

SELECTION REQUEST:	PLACARD	B98765432P
PERMANENT BLUE MOBILITY PLACARD:		B98765432P
VALID:	6/15/2008 - - 12/2008	
INSTITUTION NAME:	WESTMINSTER MANOR	<b>NOTE:</b> This could be an individual's name.
	123 MAIN STREET	
	AUSTIN, TX 78779	
TRAVIS COUNTY		
FACILITY #:	99999999999999	(See below)

**Facility #** (Return ID) can also represent the following:

- TX DL of Disabled Person: <DL number>
- TX DL on Behalf of Disabled Person: <DL number>
- TX ID of Disabled Person <ID number>
- TX ID on Behalf of Disabled Person: <ID number>
- Facility #: <facility number>
- Out of State Driver License: <DL Number>
- Out of State ID: <ID number>
- Military ID: <ID number>

The placard inquiry can be made from the LIC field from the RSDW, RSDWW and Query Transactions. When using the LIC field, DMV will check RTS, the e-Tag system, etc. and will perform a “look-aside” into the Placard database for a possible match with a placard. This allows the placard to be available in the RSDW, the Master Query as well as the RQ transaction. Using LIC, there is a slight chance that both a placard and a vehicle tag will be returned in the response from VTR.

## **Manual Texas Vehicle Registration Checks**

AM messages can be sent to Mnemonic address 67X1, addressed to DPS AUSTIN Communications ATTN: DMV. Information is available 8-5 Monday-Friday only.

When experiencing problems in a registration response, make sure a “complete” registration inquiry was made before requesting a manual check. When a manual check is sent to DMV, the **specific reason must be outlined** along with what information is being requested. Any request for manual checks without a specific reason listed **will be rejected** by the AUSTIN COMMUNICATIONS at 67X1.

## **Texas Sure: Texas Financial Responsibility Verification Program**

The Texas Financial Responsibility Verification Program (FRVP) was authorized by SB 1670 during the 79th Legislative session. The bill provides that the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI), Public Safety, Motor Vehicles, and Information Resources, "shall establish a program for verification of whether owners of motor vehicles have established financial responsibility.

The goal of the program is to reduce the number of uninsured vehicles in Texas. It is expected to help stop the actions some motorists take to avoid the law, such as using counterfeit proof of insurance cards or canceling policies after registering or inspecting their car. Additionally, this program provides officers with another tool to verify if drivers have valid motor vehicle liability insurance. Law enforcement officers can conduct a routine license plate inquiry that will return a verification if the vehicle or driver has valid motor vehicle insurance. All law enforcement officers have access to this information thru TLETS and using Interface systems such as CAD, RMS, MDT, and/or MDC.

More information is available at: [www.texassure.com](http://www.texassure.com).

The FRVP system receives the following updates weekly:

- The database of registered vehicles maintained by TXDOT
- Self-insured vehicle information from DPS
- Private passenger automobile liability policy information from each insurer actively writing private passenger auto insurance policies in Texas
- Some Commercial automobile liability policy information (voluntarily being provided)

Law Enforcement can access the information from the TLETS forms that access vehicle registration information: REG, RSDW, Master Query, and RQ (when sent to TX). The forms allow the operator to choose how much information is returned in the response. Two types of returns are available, Routine and Extended. Detailed examples of the responses are shown below. In most cases, the routine response displays the "top half" of the extended response and is useful for obtaining a basic status check.

## **Financial Responsibility Verification Program Returns**

There are four possible responses to an inquiry submitted to the FRVP database.

- Confirmed
- Unconfirmed
- Verify Manually
- Multiple

## **Confirmed Response**

The "Confirmed" response indicates the vehicle and/or person have been identified in the database and vehicle insurance coverage has been confirmed. A confirmed response will be returned if a match is made and the policy has not expired or if the policy has expired within the last 14 days.

## ***Routine Response – Note: Record is confirmed***

REGARDING INQUIRY ON: ABCXXX

Insurance Status: Confirmed  
Registered To: FIRST LAST  
OLN: Not Available  
Vehicle Registration (LIC): Not Available  
Vehicle Id Number (VIN): ABCXXXVIN11111  
Vehicle Make: NISS  
Vehicle Model: QST  
Vehicle Year: 2008  
MRI: 7682518 IN: FRVP 1 AT 22SEP2008 08:51:29  
OUT: TWFX 1 AT 22SEP2008 08:51:30

## ***Extended Response – Note: Record is confirmed***

REGARDING INQUIRY ON: ABCXXX

Insurance Status: Confirmed  
Registered To: FIRST LAST  
OLN: Not Available  
Vehicle Registration (LIC): Not Available  
Vehicle Id Number (VIN): ABCXXXVIN11111  
Vehicle Make: TOYT  
Vehicle Model: CXL  
Vehicle Year: 2001  
Insurance Carrier: State Farm Insurance  
NAIC#: 11B11  
Policy ID #: 11BR111111111  
Policy Type: Personal  
Policy Effective date: 20010704  
Policy Expiration date: 20081120  
Mileage Expiration: Not Available  
MRI: 7682521 IN: FRVP 2 AT 22SEP2008 09:13:19  
OUT: TWFX 3 AT 22SEP2008 09:13:19



## ***Unconfirmed Response***

An "Unconfirmed" response indicates the vehicle was located in the database, however, insurance coverage was not confirmed. "Additional Detail" will be one of the following:

- Vehicle coverage expired
- No vehicle coverage found
- Vehicle last match not within 45 days
- Vehicle coverage expired; Vehicle last match not within 45 days
- Vehicle coverage expiration unknown; Vehicle last match not within 45 days

## ***Extended Response – “Unconfirmed”***

REGARDING INQUIRY ON: ABCXXX

Insurance Status: Unconfirmed

Registered To: FIRST LAST

OLN: Not Available

Vehicle Registration (LIC): Not Available

Vehicle Id Number (VIN): ABCXXXVIN11111

Vehicle Make: TOYT

Vehicle Model: XSL

Vehicle Year: 2008

Additional Detail: Vehicle Last Match not within 45 days;

Insurance Carrier: Farmers Texas County Mutual

NAIC#: 24392

Policy ID #: 43336473

Policy Type: Personal

Policy Effective date: 20080120

Policy Expiration date: 20080720

Mileage Expiration: Not Available

MRI: 1111111 IN: FRVP 3 AT 22SEP2008 10:09:37

OUT: TWFX 5 AT 22SEP2008 10:09:38

## ***Verify Manually Response***

A "Verify Manually" response does not indicate that the individual is uninsured. This indicates one of the following conditions exist:

- VIN and/or plate are incorrect and cannot be located in the database
- Vehicle's registration has been expired for over 18 months
- Vehicle was recently purchased
- Plates were recently changed

## ***Routine and Extended Response – “Verify Manually”***

REGARDING INQUIRY ON: XXXYYYY

VERIFY MANUALLY

MRI: 7682550 IN: FRVP 4 AT 22SEP2008 10:17:32

OUT: TWFX 7 AT 22SEP2008 10:17:32

## **Multiple Response**

A "Multiple" response indicates the VIN and/or plate has matched against two or more records within the TXDOT database. This does not necessarily indicate the vehicle is not insured.

## **Extended Response – “MULTIPLE”**

```
REGARDING INQUIRY ON: XXXYYYYY

Insurance Status: Multiple
Operator/Owner:
OLN: Not Available
Vehicle Registration (LIC): Not Available
Vehicle Id Number (VIN): Not Available
Vehicle Make: Not Available
Vehicle Model: Not Available
Vehicle Year: Not Available
Insurance Carrier: Not Available
NAIC#: Not Available
Policy ID #: Not Available
Policy Type: Not Available
Policy Effective date: Not Available
Policy Expiration date: Not Available
Mileage Expiration: Not Available
MRI: 7682586 IN: FRVP 5 AT 22SEP2008 10:59:58
OUT: TWFX 14 AT 22SEP2008 10:59:58
```

By law, the information provided by the database is to be used by law enforcement strictly as a tool to help identify if a driver is insured or uninsured. This information **must not** be used for any other law enforcement/investigative purpose.

FRVP is a tool provided to local law enforcement agencies to assist in verifying insurance. It is up to the local law enforcement agency to establish policies and procedures regarding information obtained from the FRVP database. Because local policies may vary substantially, DPS is not publishing policies for the local agencies.

DPS does not consider the information provided by the FRVP database in and of itself to be adequate probable cause for an officer to stop a vehicle. The database can only be used as a tool to verify insurance once a stop has taken place.

If the FRVP system provides a response of "Unconfirmed," "Verify Manually" or "Multiple" it does not necessarily mean that the person and/or vehicle is uninsured. The officer should verify insurance through existing methods before taking any action. **Drivers are still required to carry proof of insurance.**

Some local jurisdictions have ordinances that allow vehicles to be impounded for no insurance. If the FRVP system provides a response of "Unconfirmed," "Verify Manually", or "Multiple" the officer should verify insurance through existing methods before taking any action. It should be noted that a response of "Unconfirmed," "Verify Manually" or "Multiple" from the database does not provide authority to impound the vehicle based solely on the Texas Transportation Code.

Self-insured individuals and companies having commercial policies are not required to participate in the FRVP at this time. DPS provides weekly submissions of self-insured data. Law

enforcement officers should continue to accept the self-insurance certificate issued by DPS as proof of insurance. Responses to inquiries on trailers will be "Verify Manually." Trailer information is included in this database.

Insurance companies are not required to report passenger vehicles insured on a commercial auto policy; however, some companies do report these policies voluntarily. Therefore, passenger autos insured under a commercial auto policy will generally not be confirmed through the system. It is highly recommended to use existing methods to determine if proof of insurance exists.

At this time, the driver license information is not included in the FRVP database. DPS is currently in the process of initiating a new driver license system (NDLS). Once NDLS has been established, the FRVP database will be updated and the insurance information will be available on a query by driver license number and/or name and date of birth.

General information is available from [www.texassure.com](http://www.texassure.com).

## Texas Temporary Vehicle Permit Information (PMTN)

Texas temporary permits are issued by the DMV Vehicle Title and Registration (VTR) Division, county tax offices and title service agencies. Temporary permits include 72-Hour, 144-Hour, 30-Day, One-Trip and Factory Delivery permits. Temporary permits are printed on 8 ½ x 11 RTS-500 paper. The new permit pattern consists of six numbers and one alpha character (NNNNNA). Examples of a permit numbers are 345678B and 35799B.

### Examples – Temporary Permits

Per Transportation Code 502.354 (3)(F), Temporary permits must be displayed in the rear window.



Vehicle Registration inquiries provide Law Enforcement with the ability to inquire by permit number to verify the validity of the permit including applicant name and permit period.

The purpose of the temporary permit database is to:

- Collect and store permit information
- Provide law enforcement near real-time 24/7 access to permit information
- Reduce fraud
- Print tags at the point of sale
- Eliminate cardboard tag inventory

For vehicle sales between private parties where the vehicle owner removes the license plates and registration sticker, Transportation Code, Section 502.454 provides the purchaser with a single-trip permit. The permit is valid for one trip between the points of origin and destination and is valid no longer than 5 days. The permit is obtained by the individual from the DMV website. The permit is carried in the vehicle and there is no e-tag or permit displayed on the vehicle.

Each permit has a unique number allowing the officer to determine validity through the TLETS system. The permit displays the vehicle identification number, the vehicle's make and model, the buyer's name and address. That information can be compared against the TLETS return for validation. The buyer is only allowed one vehicle transit permit per vehicle.

## Temporary Permit PMTN Response

```
PERMIT 090609454440 DURATION TR      T1      T2      TYPE 1
START 06/09/2009 00:00:00 END 06/13/2009 00:00:00
LOAD excavator
NAME Byler, W.T. Company, LP
ADDR 15203 Lillja Rd.
CITY Houston                      ST TX      ZIP 77060
DIMENSIONS (WXHXL) 11' 6 " 14'      " 75 '      " WEIGHT 134300 DIST 00000
MFG#
  TRUCK Peterbilt                      YR 2001
MILES                      VIN 06095
LIC TX      r88837
TRLR1                      Registered Trailer
  LIC
TRLR2
  LIC
  ROUTES:
JCT FM88/US83se, US77n, US59n, W.IH610n/e, IH45n, FM525e, JCT US 59...
SPECIAL CONDITIONS:
AX1 15 14300 2 11      AX2 4 20000 4 10      AX3 4 20000 4 11
AX4 35 20000 4 11      AX5 4 20000 4 10      AX6 4 20000 4 10
AX7 20000 4 10
FEE: 286
NONE
```

## Vehicle Transit Permit Response

```
TEMPORARY PERMIT: XXXXXX      VALID:YYYY/MM/DD HH:MM:SS--YYYY/MM/DD HH:MM:SS
YR:YYYY MAK: <VEHICLE MAKE>                      MODL:<VEHICLE MODEL>
STYL:<VEHICLE STYLE>
VIN: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX      TITLE XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

VEHICLE TRANSIT PERMIT
NAME:      <FIRST NAME> <LAST NAME>,<ADDRESS>,<CITY>,<STATE>,<ZIP>
VEHICLE ROUTE:
  ORIGINATION POINT : <CITY>
  DESTINATION POINT : <CITY>

REMARKS: ADDITIONAL RTS REGISTRATION AVAILABLE
```

## Vehicle Registration Transactions (RQ/RNQ)

Vehicle registration information is available from all 50 states, the Mexican Carrier and Authorization Database, the Diplomatic License Plate file, and Government License Plates through Nlets. Inquiries are addressed to Nlets Point of Entry (POE) and REGION codes. Up to five destinations in any combination can be used.

Note: Inquiries by VIN to Missouri (MO) require the vehicle make and year.

Vehicle registration is obtained from Nlets using the standard Nlets message format and TLETS form RQ. While this form/transaction is typically used for transactions to other POE(s), it should be noted that Texas vehicle registration information may be obtained using the RQ having an Nlets Destination Code of TX. Information is obtained using VIN only or License Plate Number, License Plate Year of Expiration, and License Plate Type.

### ***Query Requirements***

To access information use the POE code:

- Diplomatic Vehicles- US
- General Service Administration (GSA) Vehicles- GS
- Mexican Commercial Vehicles – MX
- NCIC Border Crossing – NA
- National Vehicle Service – VS
- License Plate Readers - LP

### ***Query Registration by LIC or VIN Number (RQ)***

#### **Agency/Case Data**

- Originating Agency Code (ORI)
- Nlets Destination Code (DRI)

#### **License Plate Data**

- License Plate (LIC)
- *License year (LIY)*
- *License Type (LIT)*
- Financial Responsibility Type (FRT)

#### **Vehicle Data**

- Vehicle ID Number (VIN)
- *Year of Manufacture (VYR)*
- *Make (VMA)*

#### **Special Options**

- Control Field (CTL)

## Out of State Vehicle Registration Response (RR)

```
RR.VADMVRH99
14:57 01/09/2014 18109
14:57 01/09/2014 09022 TX0000028
TXT

LIC/8738YZ. LIY/2014/05.ISS/2005/06/27.
DAFFY DUCK , DAISY DUCK
CUST ADDR: 876 SYCAMORE BLVD
          DUCKVILLE, VA 786133983
VIN/8WSIR4M49QJ873415. VYR/2011. VMA/FORD.
VST/4D. SSN/T123456789 T876482597 .
*EXP/2014/05/31. WGT/3975. REG STATUS/INACTIVE. PLT STATUS/RENEWAL.
LIEN. .
VEH USE/PRIVATE. VEH DISP/MOVED.CUR VCO/BLU.ORI VCO/BLU. DP/.
INTERLOCK/.VOA/.VOAT/.

** NOTICE **
INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM VCIN MAY BE USED FOR
CRIMINAL JUSTICE PURPOSES ONLY.
MRI: 18507697 IN: NLET 112970 AT 09JAN2014 15:58:26
OUT: M222 1 AT 09JAN2014 15:58:26
```

Responses are not standardized and will vary substantially in format from state to state. Typical abbreviations used in responses are:

Abbreviation	Description
LIC	License Number
LIT	License Type
LIY	License Year
VIN	Vehicle Id Number
VYR	Vehicle Year
VMA	Vehicle Make
VMO	Vehicle Model
VST	Vehicle Style
VCO	Vehicle Color

Other possible responses to a query include:

- NOT ON FILE
- FILE NOT AVAILABLE
- TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE

## ***Diplomatic and Government License Plates File***

The U.S. Department of State, Office of Foreign Missions maintains vehicle registration information on diplomatic license plates issued to diplomats, counsels, and staff of foreign missions. TLETS operators can inquire on these license plates by addressing the registration inquiry to POE code US.

The General Services Administration (GSA) maintains records pertaining to government license plates. These records are available through GSA database. Inquiries on government license plates beginning with the letter G are supported. Inquiries are made by using transaction code RQ, with GS in the destination field.

All federal agencies should have entered their government vehicle registration data into the GSA database. The GSA Asset and Transportation Management Help Desk may be contacted at 866-472-6711, if any information in the return is not included or unclear.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Code</b>
Action (Federal Domestic Volunteer)	ACT	Interior Department	I
Agriculture Dept	A	Interstate Commerce Commission	IC
Air Force	AF	Judicial Branch of Government	JB
Army	W	Justice Department	J
Commerce Dept	C	Labor Department	L
Consumer Product Safety Commission	CPSC	Legislative Branch	LB
Corps of Engineers, Civil Works	CE	Marine Corps	MC
Defense Commissary Agency	DECA	National Aeronautics and Space Admin	NA
Defense Contract Audit Agency	DA	National Capital Housing Authority	NH
Defense Department	D	National Capital Planning Commission	NP
Defense Logistics Agency	DLA	National Guard Bureau	NG
Education Department	ED	National Labor Board Relations	NL
Energy Department	E	National Science Foundation	NS
Environmental Protection Agency	EPA	Navy Department	N
Executive Office of the President Council of Economic Advisers National Security Council Office of Management and Budget	EO	Nuclear Regulatory Commission	NRC
		Office of Personnel Management	OPM
		Panama Canal Commission	PC
		Railroad Retirement Board	RR
Export-Import Bank of the United States	EB	Renegotiations Board	RB
Federal Communications Commission	FC	Securities and Exchange Commission	SE
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	FD	Selective Service System	SS
Federal Emergency Management Agency	FE	Small Business Administration	SB
Federal Home Loan Bank Board	FB	Smithsonian Institute	SI
Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services	FM	National Gallery of Art	SI
Federal Reserve System	FR	Soldiers and Airmen's Home, US	SH
Federal Trade Commission	FT	State Department	S
General Accounting Office	GA	Tennessee Valley Authority	TV
General Services Administration	GS	Transportation Department	DOT
Government Printing Office	GP	Treasury Department	T
Health and Human Services Department	HHS	United States Information Agency	IA
Housing and Urban Development	H	United States Postal Service	P
Interagency Fleet Management GSA	G	Veterans Affairs Department	VA



## ***Mexican Plates***

The Mexican Carrier and Authorization Database is housed in Mexico City and created in response to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to assist the Mexican government with issuing carrier operating permits, vehicle license plates and vehicle highway permits. The database contains only Mexican commercial cargo carriers registered with the Mexican federal government. All commercial vehicles that cross the United States/Mexican border are required to be federally registered and be included in this file. If the Mexican Commercial Vehicle inquiry results in a "NOT ON FILE," the vehicle is considered not registered and is in violation of US-DOT operating authority. Information on commercial carriers that are not registered with the Mexican Federal government can be obtained by sending a manual request in the form of an AM message to ORI/DCINTER00. More information on Mexican License plates can be found in the TLETS Help Documents in the OMNIXX Menu under "Help."

Inquiries to the POE code of MX will cause an inquiry into the following two databases:

1. The Mexican Carrier and Authorization Database
2. The United States Insurance Verification Authentication (USIVA) Program

## ***Mexican Carrier and Authorization Response***

```
RR.MXLIC0000
08:10 02/24/2012 24043
08:10 02/24/2012 24097 TX00000B2
TXT
LIC/014DD1
TRANSPORTES INTERMEX S.A. DE C.V.
AV. INDUSTRIALES, ZONA INDUSTRIA, CUAUTITLAN IZCAL 54730.
VIN/197170.VYR/1976.ENGINE_NO/28112007
LIT/TRACTOR - 3 AXLES.VMA/MEXICO
LIC_STATUS/STOLEN OR LOST.LIC_ISSUED/05031999
REGISTRANT_RFC/TIN751127RHA.REGISTRANT_STATUS/UNDER INVESTIGATION
LIC_CLASS/FREIGHT MOTOR FGN INV.VST/TRACTOR
LIC_SERVICE/HAZMATS (FOREIGN INVEST)
```

### **Possible License Plate Status Codes:**

ASSIGNED (ONLY POSITIVE STATUS)	NOT RECEIVED
AVAILABLE	WITHDRAWAL EXCHANGED
CANCELLED	WITHOUT DECAL
STOLEN OR LOST	PREVENTIVE SEIZURE
WITHDRAWAL PER RULE	MISSING
DAMAGED	WITHDRAWAL NEW NAME
WITHDRAWAL NOTICE	UNDER INSPECTION
WITHDRAWAL IMPOUNDED	

### **Possible Registrant Status Codes:**

REGISTERED	BANKRUPT
WITHDRAWN	WITHDRAWN/MERGER
SUSPENDED	UNDER INVESTIGATION

The United States Insurance Verification Authentication (USIVA) program is housed at Nlets in Phoenix, Arizona. Because law requires vehicles traveling into the United States from Mexico to be insured, this database provides information on Mexican Vehicles traveling into the United States. The database receives an electronic copy of each Mexican insurance policy in real time. USIVA includes information regarding both commercial and non-commercial vehicles. By 2013, all vehicles entering the United States should be contained in this database. The response contains current insurance status and the owner's registration information. Nlets will retain records in the database for a period of one year.

### ***USIVA Response***

```
RR.MX00000000
07:57 02/24/2012 20956
07:57 02/24/2012 24049 TX00000B2
TXT
CURRENT TRAVEL POLICY AS OF 2012-02-24
POLICY NUMBER: HRC-0170704
POLICY STATUS: UNKNOWN
EFFECTIVE START DATE: 2011-09-12
EFFECTIVE END DATE: 2012-09-11
EFFECTIVE DAYS: 365
POLICY PREMIUM: 109.51
SUM INSURED: 1500000
INSURED FULL NAME: ZZZTEST POLICY
INSURED ADDRESS: CLGENERAL MIGUEL BARRAGAN 1033
INSURED CITY: AGUASCALIENTES
INSURED STATE: AGUASCALIENTES
*** VEHICLE DETAILS ***
VEHICLE VIN: WVVUE06KX1R5101AA
VEHICLE PLATE: AAA3649
VEHICLE INFO: GENERALMOTORS SILVERADO 2500 CAB REG LS 4X2 2007 PAQUETE A
VEHICLE TYPE: PRIVATE
```

Illustrations of base Mexican personal vehicle license plates by Mexican state may be found at:

<http://www.worldlicenseplates.com>

<http://www.15q.net/currmex.html>

<http://moini.net/mexicoplates/index.htm>

If your agency has a motor vehicle theft bureau, and there is a desire to check stolen vehicles in Mexico contact US Operations Director Mario Crosswell-Estefan at [mariocrosswell@yahoo.com](mailto:mariocrosswell@yahoo.com) or by phone 210-545-7100 for accessing Mexico's stolen vehicle webpage site.

## License Plate Recognition/License Plate Reader Systems (LPR)

### ***US Customs and Border Protection***

Over the past several years, the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) installed LPR cameras at the Mexican and Canadian Border to collect vehicle crossing information as vehicles depart and enter the United States. The project utilizes special cameras that are placed at inbound and outbound lanes at the United States border. Cameras were initially concentrated on inbound lanes but as the project has matured, more and more lanes in both directions are being monitored. Not all inbound and outbound lanes have LPR cameras. CBP has engaged The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) to collect and store the information collected from the cameras in a database. The database was initially established to help identify stolen vehicle traffic patterns along the southern and northern borders of the United States, however the information obtained has been proven useful in many other types of investigations.

To run a CBP/NICB LPR query, use transaction RQ and enter the license plate of interest with NA as the state designator for NICB. The CBP/NICB response includes the direction of the crossing (inbound or outbound), the location of the border crossing camera, the crossing date and time, the license plate number, the state and country of the crossing.

### ***USCBP LPR Response***

```
RR.ILNICBC00
13:43 12/09/2010 94408
13:43 12/09/2010 65144 TX00000052
TXT
NICB RESPONSE FOR LIC/ QQQQ445 MSG 001 OF 001
CROSSING LOCATION: INBOUND
ADDRESS: USCS-797 S ZARAGOSA RD BLDG B
CITY: EL PASO: YSLETA STATE: TX ZIP: 79907
CROSSING DT/TIME: 11/06/2009 01.02.56
LIC PLATE: QQQQ445 STATE: MM COUNTRY: M
CROSSING LOCATION: INBOUND
ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
CITY: UNKNOWN STATE: ZIP:
CROSSING DT/TIME: 04/26/2010 23.12.32
LIC PLATE: QQQQ445 STATE: TX COUNTRY: U
CROSSING LOCATION: OUTBOUND
ADDRESS: USCS-PO BOX 3130
CITY: LAREDO:J/L STATE: TX ZIP: 78044
CROSSING DT/TIME: 04/28/2010 21.46.29
LIC PLATE: QQQQ445 STATE: TX COUNTRY: U
```

The CBP/NICB response could return multiple messages when a vehicle has multiple trips across the border. Typically a message will contain up to 7 crossings arranged in chronological order.

## ***National Vehicle Service***

The National Vehicle Service (NVS) is a private corporation whose mission is to assist law enforcement, vehicle finance, insurance companies, rental car companies and the public in protecting vehicle assets. NVS made a repository of LPR data available to the law enforcement community via Nlets. This data is gathered from towing, repossession companies, parking lots, garages and toll way systems. In addition to allowing LEA's access to the database, NVS proactively searched the database against the stolen vehicle file provided by the FBI. This repository is primarily for use in investigations. To retrieve possible vehicle location information from the NVS data repository, use RQ transaction with VS as the state and with license plate of interest. To access all nationwide LPR readers enter "LP" in the POE field.

If there is a positive match, the operator is notified. The location may or may not be included in the initial response message. If the location is not included, this may indicate that the vehicle was parked on private property and not at a particular intersection. The operator can then access an NVS internet web site to obtain full details on the vehicle, including a map of the location and a photo of the vehicle. The operator will need to register with the web site using their agency's base ORI.

## ***NVS LPR Response***

```
RR.VANVS005V
11:32 04/05/2010 04276
11:32 04/05/2010 81403 TXDPS0000
TXT
Vehicle license plate number QQQQ445 was captured by mobile license plate
recognition on March 18, 2010 near the intersection of Pecan St AND 6th Ave,
Noplace, TX.

To access the complete LPR data record including other additional historical
LPR scans, vehicle images and satellite map overlays, please proceed to the
following Internet Website: http://nvls-lpr.com/nvls

Caveat: This is lead information ONLY to assist with your investigation and
should NOT be used for non-law enforcement purposes. Should you require
additional assistance with this RESPONSE, please contact National Vehicle
Service at 866-687-1102.
```

To access the complete LPR data record including other additional historical LPR scans, vehicle images and satellite map overlays, go to: <http://nvls-lpr.com/nvls>

Note: This is lead information ONLY to assist with your investigation and should NOT be used for non-law enforcement purposes. Should users require additional assistance with this response, please contact National Vehicle Service at 866-687-1102.

If a user receives an automated response from NVS on a vehicle entered in NCIC, contact NVS immediately to obtain current information, and the possibility of a photo of the driver of the vehicle.

## Nlets Vehicle Registration by Owner Name (RNQ)

Some states provide vehicle registration by owner and date of birth or age.

Positive Nlets Vehicle Registration by owner name could contain the following registration information:

- Client Name
- License Number/Plate Number
- License Type
- Vehicle Make
- Vehicle Year
- City, State, Zip

### Vehicle Registration by Owner Name Response

```
RNR.WYVIN0000
09:14 03/16/2009 62384
09:14 03/16/2009 45692 TXDPS00B7
TXT
CLIENT NAME          PLATE#  TYP MAKE  YEAR CITY-  ST-  ZIP
THEMAN*PAUL          2-23BY  TK DODG   1984 CHEYENNE WY 82007
THEMAN*PAUL D        2-40YE  PC SUZI   1988 CHEYENNE WY 82001
THEMAN*PAUL D        2-895A  TL LONGH  2000 CHEYENNE WY 82001
THEMAN*PAUL D        4-86CY  TK FORD   1995 ROCK SPRINGS WY 82901
THEMAN*PAUL D        4-89MP  PC TOYT   1992 ROCK SPRINGS WY 82901
THEMAN*RALPH L       5-276   PC NISS   1999 LARAMIE WY 82073
THEMAN*RALPH L       5-277   TK CHEV   1979 LARAMIE WY 82073
```

Other possible responses to a query include:

NOT ON FILE  
FILE NOT AVAILABLE  
TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE

## Tribal License Plates

Many Indian nations issue license plates. In New Mexico and South Dakota tribal license plates are supported by the state systems and returned with Nlets transaction RQ. In Oklahoma, some tribes provide access to their license plate information and is returned as a look-aside via an RQ to OK (all plate inquiries to the OK system through Nlets will return two responses, one for the state repository and one for the tribal repository). Access to tribal license plate information varies for other states, and in some cases, the Indian Nation must be contacted directly to obtain vehicle registration information.

### Link

<http://tribaljurisdiction.tripod.com/id9.html>  
<http://www.tribal-institute.org/lists/enforcement.htm>  
<http://www.bia.gov/index.htm>  
<https://www.ncai.org/Home.9.0.html>  
<https://www.ncai.org/Tribal-Directory.3.0.html>  
<http://www.ncsl.org/?tabid=13278#fed>  
<http://www.ncsl.org/?tabid=13278#state>

### Description

Links to tribal police  
Tribal Institute – links to tribal police  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Natl Congress of American Indians  
Federally Recognized Tribes  
Federally Recognized Tribes  
State Recognized Tribes

## **Nlets Vehicle Registration Manual Checks**

A manual search is necessary when not enough information is known to perform an automated search, or if the information received isn't clear or contains errors. An administrative message (AM) will be used to request the manual search. The administrative message should be addressed to the agency responsible for vehicle registration information. For information from other Nlets members, check the Nlets help files to obtain manual search requirements, code translation information, and to verify where to send the manual search request.

The standardized ORI for manual vehicle registration checks by license plate is:  
XXLIC0000 (such that XX is the POE code)

The standardized ORI for manual vehicle registration checks by vehicle identification number is:  
XXVIN0000 (such that XX is the POE code)

## **Vehicle Registration Query Help**

To obtain detailed or supplementary information on a state's vehicle registration files, a user may send an Administrative Message to XXLICHELP (where XX = 2 character state code).

Users can also determine who is providing automated responses to registration queries and who has a HELP file by sending an Administrative Message to "NLLICHELP."

If a complete date of birth is unknown some states support inquiries on age. Consult state vehicle registration HELP file for details. The address is XXLICHELP (where XX=2 character state code).

## **Section 4: Nlets Registration**

By the end of this training session, the student will be able to:

- Identify the types of boat registration inquiries available through TLETS and Nlets.
- Compare the difference in the information that is included in each type of boat registration return.
- Compare the differences in a boat registration inquiry and a stolen boat inquiry.
- Locate the Nlets state boat registration help file.
- Explain the increased emphasis on the aircraft registration file due to terrorism.
- Identify the information required to make an aircraft registration inquiry.
- Compare the information that is included in an aircraft registration return.
- Compare the differences in an aircraft registration inquiry and a stolen aircraft inquiry (vehicle file).
- Identify the information required to make an snowmobile registration inquiry.
- Compare in the information that is included in a snowmobile registration return.

# Nlets Registration Inquiries

## Boat Registration Transactions (BQ)

Boat registration information is available through TLETS from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for boats registered in Texas. Texas boat registration inquiries can only be made by registration number and boat hull number, not name and date of birth. Boat registration for boats registered in other states is available through Nlets.

Boat registration information can be accessed by sending a query through Nlets to up to five states or the Coast Guard with the Nlets Destination Code of CG. Nlets will provide information from the United States Coast Guard Vehicle Identification System (VIS). VIS consists of registration and ownership data from participating VIS States as well as those registered only through the USCG National Vessel Documentation Center.

### Agency/Case Data

- Originating Agency Code (ORI)
- Nlets Destination Code (DST) – up to five

### Boat Registration/Stolen Boat Inquiry Data

- Boat Hull Number (BHN)
- Registration Number (REG)

### Driver License/Wanted Person Inquiry Data

- Name (NAM)
- Date of Birth (DOB)

### US Coast Vessel Data

- US Coast Guard Vessel Name (BNM)
- US Coast Guard Vessel Number (CGN)

### Special Options

Control Field

Positive Boat Registration Responses (BR) may contain the following registration information:

- |                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| ○ Boat Registration Number | ○ Operator Address      |
| ○ Expiration Date          | ○ Boat Make/Manufacture |
| ○ Boat Hull Number         | ○ Year Built            |
| ○ Name of Registered Owner | ○ Hull Material         |
| ○ Operator Date of Birth   | ○ Type of Propulsion    |
| ○ Operator License Type    | ○ Type of Fuel Used     |
| ○ Operator License State   | ○ Use of Boat           |
| ○ Operator License Year    | ○ Type (NCIC Name)      |

Other possible responses to a query are:

- NOT ON FILE
- TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE



- USER DOES NOT RESPOND TO MESSAGE TYPE —Nlets WILL NOT FORWARD TO XX (where XX = two character user code)

### ***Query Boat Help***

To obtain detailed or supplemental information on a state's boat registration files, users can send an Administrative Message (AM) to XXBOAT000 (XX = 2 character state code).

Users can determine who is providing automated responses to BQ inquiries and who has HELP files by sending an AM to "XXBASHELP" (XX= 2-character state code).

### **FAA/TECS Aircraft Registration System (ACRS) (GQ)**

The Aircraft Registration System (ACRS) is an on-line inquiry that provides information to Nlets users about commercial and private aircraft registered with FAA. Nlets will run the query against the publicly available website:

[http://registry.faa.gov/aircraftinquiry/NNum\\_Inquiry.aspx](http://registry.faa.gov/aircraftinquiry/NNum_Inquiry.aspx)

Aircraft registration data is provided and maintained by the Treasury Enforcement Communications System (TECS). Agencies can request aircraft registration information by sending an inquiry message through Nlets to TECS (GQ).

#### **Agency/Case Data**

Originating Agency Code (ORI)  
Attention of Recipient (ATN)

#### **Aircraft Data**

Owner (NAM)  
Serial Number (SER)  
Registration Number (REG)

#### **Special Options**

Control Field

Positive Aircraft Registration Responses (GR) may contain the following registration information:

- |                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ○ Aircraft Registration Number | ○ Class                      |
| ○ Serial Number                | ○ Engine Type                |
| ○ Year                         | ○ Name of Registrant         |
| ○ Make                         | ○ Address of Registrant      |
| ○ Model                        | ○ Registration Date of Issue |
| ○ Aircraft Type                | ○ Registration Validation    |
| ○ Manufacturer                 |                              |

### ***Query Returns***

Queries can generate hit lists of up to 50 matches.

Names are queried using Last, First, and Middle Initial; while business names are queried with spaces between each name.

All name queries are soundexed with the exact matches being at the top of the hit list on multiple hits.

Upon receipt of the hit list of abbreviated information on each aircraft, the user must enter another query using the registration number that is displayed on each hit list entry.

## **Snowmobile Registration Transactions (SQ)**

Texas does not maintain any registration files on snowmobiles. Snowmobile registration information is maintained in other states and TLETS users can obtain this information through the Nlets network.

### **Agency/Case Data**

Originating Agency Code (ORI)

Nlets Destination Code (DRI)

### **Snowmobile Data**

Registration Number (REG)

Vehicle ID Number (VIN)

### **Person Data**

Name (NAM)

*Date of Birth (DOB)*

### **Special Options**

Control Field (CTL)

Positive Snowmobile Registration Responses (SR) may contain the following registration information:

- Snowmobile Registration Number
- Expiration Date
- VIN
- Owner Name
- Owner Date of Birth
- Color
- Year Built
- Power (Engine Size)

Other possible responses to a query are:

NOT ON FILE

TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE

USER DOES NOT RESPOND TO MESSAGE TYPE — Nlets WILL NOT FORWARD TO XX  
(where XX = two character user code)

## **Query Snowmobile Help**

To obtain detailed or supplemental information on a state's snowmobile registration files, send an Administrative Message (AM) to XXSNOW000 (where XX = 2 character state code).

A user also may determine who is providing automated responses to SQ inquiries and who has HELP files by sending an AM to "XXBASHELP" (where XX= 2-character state code).

## Section 5: Appendix

### Common Driver License Return Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Definition
AAMV	Aggravated Assault with Motor Vehicle
ABC	Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code
ALR	Administrative License Revocation
B/BTR	Blood/Breath Test Refusal
BAC	Blood Alcohol Concentration
CAO	Committed Automatic Offense (Administrative DWLI)
CCP	Texas Code of Criminal Procedure
CDL	Commercial Driver License
CMV	Commercial Motor Vehicle
DHS	Department of Human Services
DLD	Driver License Division
DLS	Driver License System (same as NDLS)
DRB	Driver Records Bureau
DUID	Driving Under Influence of Drugs
DWLD	Driving while License Disqualified
DWLI	Driving while License Invalid
FCEP	Fail to Complete Education Program
FSRA	Fail to Stop and Render Aid
FTA	Fail to Appear
FTP	Fail to Pay
HAB	Habitual
HME	Hazardous Materials Endorsement
HRC	Texas Human Resources Code
HSC	Texas Health and Safety Code
LIDR	Driver Records Bureau
LOFS	Licensed Operator in Front Seat
M/C	Motor Cycle
MAB	Medical Advisory Board
MPH	Miles Per Hour
MWMV	Murder with Motor Vehicle
NDLS	New Driver License System
NRVC	Non-Resident Violator Compact
TFC	Texas Family Code
TPC	Texas Penal Code
TRC	Texas Transportation Code

## Driver License Restrictions

Code	Restriction	Code	Restriction
A	With corrective lenses	M	CDL intrastate only
B	Licensed Operator in Front Seat (LOFS) 21 or over	N	Ignition interlock required
C	Daytime only	O	Occ/Essent need DL—no CMV—see court order
D	Not to exceed 45 mph	Q	LOFS 21 or over vehicle above Class B
E	No expressway driving	R	LOFS 21 or over vehicle above Class C
F	Must hold valid learner lic to MM/DD/YY	S	Outside rearview mirror or hearing aid
G	TRC 545.424 applies until MM/DD/YY	T	Automatic transmission
H	Vehicle not to exceed 26,000 lbs GVWR	U	Applicable prosthetic devices
I	MC not to exceed 250cc	V	Applicable vehicle devices
J	Licensed MC operator 21 or over in sight	W	Power steering
K	Moped	X	Vehicle not to exceed Class C
L	Vehicle without airbrakes	Y	Valid TX vision or limb waiver required
		Z	Valid Fed vision or limb waiver req'd

Code	Restriction	Code	Restriction
P1	For Class M TRC 545.424 until MM/DD/YY	P17	If CMV, government vehicles interstate
P2	To/from work/school	P18	If CMV, only trans personal prop inter
P3	To/from work	P19	If CMV, trans corpse/sick/injure inter
P4	To/from school	P20	If CMV, privately trans passengers inter
P5	To/from work/school or LOFS 21 or over	P21	If CMV, fire/rescue interstate
P6	To/from work or LOFS 21 or over	P22	If CMV, intra-city zone drivers inter
P7	To/from school or LOFS 21 or over	P23	If CMV, custom-harvesting interstate
P8	With telescopic lens	P24	If CMV, transporting bees/hives inter
P9	LOFS 21 or over bus only	P25	If CMV, use in oil/water well serv/drill
P10	LOFS 21 or over school bus only	P26	If CMV, for operation of mobile crane
P11	Bus not to exceed 26,000 lbs GVWR	P27	HME Expiration Date MM/DD/YY
P12	Passenger CMVs restrict to Class C only	P28	FRSI CDL valid MM/DD/YY to MM/DD/YY
P13	LOFS 21 or over in veh equip w/ airbrake	P29	FRSI CDL MM/DD/YY–MM/DD/YY or exmpt B vehicle
P14	Operation Class B exempt veh authorized	P30	FRSI CDL MM/DD/YY–MM/DD/YY or exmpt A vehicle
P15	Operation Class A exempt veh authorized	P31	Class C only—no taxi/bus/emergency vehicle
P16	If CMV, school buses interstate	P32	Other

## ***Possible Dealer Tag Code Values***

<b>Code</b>	<b>Service Center</b>	<b>County Tax Offices</b>
AB	Abilene Service Center	Brown; Callahan; Coke; Coleman; Comanche; Concho; Eastland; Fisher; Jones; Kimble; Menard; Nolan; Runnels; Schleicher; Shackelford; Stephens; Sutton; Taylor; Tom Green
AM	Amarillo Service Center	Armstrong; Briscoe; Carson; Castro; Collingsworth; Dallam; Deaf Smith; Donley; Gray; Hall; Hansford; Hartley; Hemphill; Hutchinson; Lipscomb; Moore; Ochiltree; Oldham; Parmer; Potter; Randall; Roberts; Sherman; Swisher; Wheeler
AU	Austin Service Center	Bastrop; Blanco; Burnet; Caldwell; Colorado; Comal; DeWitt; Fayette; Gillespie; Gonzales; Guadalupe; Hays; Lampasas; Lavaca; Lee; Llano; Mason; McCulloch; Mills; San Saba; Travis; Williamson
BT	Beaumont Service Center	Chambers; Hardin; Houston; Jasper; Jefferson; Liberty; Montgomery; Newton; Orange; Polk; Sabine; San Jacinto; Trinity; Tyler; Walker
CC	Corpus Christi Service Center	Aransas; Bee; Calhoun; Duval; Goliad; Jackson; Jim Wells; Karnes; Kleberg; Live Oak; Matagorda; McMullen; Nueces; Refugio; San Patricio; Victoria; Wharton
DL	Dallas Service Center	Collin; Dallas; Fannin; Grayson; Hunt; Kaufman; Rockwall
EP	El Paso Service Center	Brewster; Culberson; El Paso; Hudspeth; Jeff Davis; Presidio
FW	Fort Worth Service Center	Denton; Hood; Johnson; Palo Pinto; Parker; Tarrant; Wise
HO	Houston Service Center	Austin; Brazoria; Fort Bend; Galveston; Grimes; Harris; Waller
LB	Lubbock Service Center	Bailey; Borden; Cochran; Crosby; Dawson; Dickens; Floyd; Gaines; Garza; Hale; Hockley; Kent; Lamb; Lubbock; Lynn; Motley; Scurry; Terry; Yoakum
LV	Longview Service Center	Angelina; Bowie; Camp; Cass; Cherokee; Delta; Franklin; Gregg; Harrison; Henderson; Hopkins; Lamar; Marion; Morris; Nacogdoches; Panola; Rains; Red River; Rusk; San Augustine; Shelby; Smith; Titus; Upshur; Van Zandt; Wood
MO	Midland - Odessa Service Center	Andrews; Crane; Crockett; Ector; Glasscock; Howard; Irion; Loving; Martin; Midland; Mitchell; Pecos; Reagan; Reeves; Sterling; Terrell; Upton; Ward; Winkler
PH	Pharr Service Center	Brooks; Cameron; Hidalgo; Jim Hogg; Kenedy; Starr; Webb; Willacy; Zapata
SA	San Antonio Service Center	Atascosa; Bandera; Bexar; Dimmit; Edwards; Frio; Kendall; Kerr; Kinney; La Salle; Maverick; Medina; Real; Uvalde; Val Verde; Wilson; Zavala
WA	Waco Service Center	Anderson; Bell; Bosque; Brazos; Burleson; Coryell; Ellis; Erath; Falls; Freestone; Hamilton; Hill; Leon; Limestone; Madison; McLennan; Milam; Navarro; Robertson; Somervell; Washington
WF	Wichita Falls Service Center	Archer; Baylor; Childress; Clay; Cooke; Cottle; Foard; Hardeman; Haskell; Jack; King; Knox; Montague; Stonewall; Throckmorton; Wichita; Wilbarger; Young

### **Possible Dealer “Plate Status”**

<b>APA-Active</b>	The license plate is valid and current. Per Texas Government Code 2001.054, if a license holder files a timely and sufficient application for renewal of a license, the license remains active and valid until the renewal application is finally determined by the agency. An APA-Active plate's expiration date may have passed, but the license plate remains active under TX statute until the TxDMV grants or denies the pending renewal application.
<b>Cancelled</b>	The dealer requested that the TxDMV cancel the plate. The plate should not be in use.
<b>Closed</b>	The license plate is no longer valid. It has either expired or the dealer has voluntarily “closed” the associated license.
<b>Current</b>	The license plate is valid and has not expired. It is currently an active plate associated with a current dealer license.
<b>Damaged</b>	Damaged - The plate was reported to the TXDMV as "damaged" by the dealer and therefore unusable. The plate should not be in use.
<b>Inactive</b>	The license plate expired. The dealer has an expired dealer license and could be in the process of renewal.
<b>Inactive-Expired</b>	Inactive-Expired - The license plate is no longer valid. It has expired.
<b>Lost</b>	The license plate has been reported to the TxDMV as “lost.” The plate should not be in use.
<b>Returned</b>	Returned – The plate issued was returned to the TxDMV. The plate should not be in use.
<b>Stolen</b>	The license plate has been reported to the TxDMV as “stolen” by the dealer.

### **RTS Remarks**

The RTS return often includes brief remarks, sometimes including a date the remark became applicable.

The following table is not comprehensive and is being provided as a reference. It should be noted that some remarks have special relevance to law enforcement.

<b>Remark</b>	<b>Description</b>
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE	The vehicle has been deemed "abandoned" in accordance with Chapter 683 of the Transaction Code. This vehicle cannot be transferred.
ACTUAL MILEAGE	The mileage indicated on the vehicle's odometer at the time of title transfer or application filing was the actual distance in miles that the vehicle had been driven.
ADDITIONAL LIEN RECORDED	More than one lien is listed on the motor vehicle record.
ADDITIONAL RTS REGISTRATION AVAILABLE	More information can be obtained on the vehicle by inquiring by VIN.
BONDED TITLE	Title secured by the posting of a certificate of title surety bond.
BONDED TITLE SUSPENDED	The bonded title transaction has been suspended.
BONDED TITLE WAITING FOR REMOVAL	Three-year bond period has ended.

Remark	Description
CCO ISSUED (DATE)	A certified copy of the original title was issued in the specified month and year.
COA ISSUED (DATE)	A certificate of Authority to Demolish a Motor Vehicle has been issued.
COUNTY SCOFF LAW	This remark indicates that the vehicle owner owes the county a fine, fee or tax
CREDIT VOUCHER ISSUED	The vehicle was totally destroyed in a wreck, fire, or by some other means, and a registration refund could not be authorized since the vehicle had been operated on the highway.
DATE OF ASSIGNMENT	The date the title was signed by the seller transferring ownership to the buyer and is used by the VTR to calculate late title transfer fees, if applicable.
DIESEL	The vehicle is powered by a diesel motor. It also ensures that an additional 11 % of registration fee is included in the fee calculations on all subsequent renewal notices on applicable vehicles.
DMV RECORD NOT UPDATED	License receipt has not been received from county tax office for updating.
DMVS STANDARDS PROOF REQUIRED	Indicates that proof of compliance with US Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) safety regulations is required before title can be issued. In the case of an RPO record, the registration cannot be renewed.
DPS-EMISSIONS PRGM NON-COMPLIANCE	The vehicle was detected on Dallas, Tarrant, Harris, or El Paso County roadways as a potential gross polluter and has not complied by passing an emissions test.
DPS SAFETY SUSPENSION	<p>The Department of Public Safety has placed a suspension on the motor vehicle record for the owner's failure to maintain financial responsibility.</p> <p><b>The vehicle registration has been suspended by DPS. Contact the DPS Driver Improvement and Compliance Bureau at SRBZ before taking any action.</b></p> <p><b>A person shall give proof of ability to respond to damages for liability on account of accidents. This remark is placed at the request of the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) against a vehicle which was involved in an accident. Statutory Authority: Texas Transportation Code Chapter 601.152 and 601.376.</b></p>
EVIDENCE SURRENDERED BY OWNER	The department has received the title or some other valid evidence of ownership on this vehicle from the owner of the vehicle. The title record has been canceled.
EVIDENCE SURRENDERED BY SALVAGE YARD	The department has received the title or some other valid evidence of ownership on this vehicle from a salvage vehicle dealer or salvage yard. The title record is updated to also include "Junked."
EXEMPT	The vehicle is owned by or loaned to an agency of the state, city, county, or federal government and displays license plates embossed with the legend "EXEMPT" along with six numbers.
FIXED WEIGHT	A commercial vehicle has been registered for the actual weight of the empty vehicle plus the weight of the permanently mounted machinery or equipment which must cover at least two-thirds (2/3) of the bed.

<b>Remark</b>	<b>Description</b>
FLOOD DAMAGE	The vehicle has been damaged by flood and rendered a total loss by insurance company.
HEAVY VEHICLE USE TAX VERIFIED	Indicates that the clerk verified proof of payment of the Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax or that the vehicle is exempt from payment.
HOT CHECK (ETC.)	A check in payment of title or registration related fees was not honored by the bank on which it was drawn, and such check was returned to the payee unpaid.
JUNKED	The vehicle described on the motor vehicle record is salvage, scrapped, destroyed, or dismantled in such a manner that it loses its character as a motor vehicle and TXDMV has been advised that the vehicle is junked.
JUNK.0196INV 1840060FA	In January 1996, an auto salvage yard (identified by the salvage yard number assigned by the VTR Regional office 1840060fa) Surrendered with its inventory list the Texas Certificate of Title and the unexpired license plates, if applicable on the vehicle to the department for cancellation.
JUNK.02/96 INV 1840060FA LIEN NOT RELEASED	In February 1996, the salvage yard (Indicated by the salvage yard inventory number assigned by the Fort Worth/Arlington Regional office 1840060FA), surrendered with its inventory list the Texas Certificate of Title, and the unexpired license plates, if applicable, on the vehicle to the department for cancellation. However, upon examination of the surrendered Texas Certificate of Title, it was found that a recorded lien had not been released.
JUNK.1195CERT OF AUTHORITY TO DEMOLISH 0196INV 1700024BT	The automobile salvage dealer, indicated by the salvage yard inventory number assigned by the Beaumont Regional office (1700024BT), obtained a Certificate of Authority to dispose of a motor vehicle to a demolisher for demolition, wrecking or dismantling only, Form 71-3, issued by the department in November 1995. In January 1996, the salvage yard surrendered with its inventory list the Certificate of Authority to demolish such vehicle to the department for cancellation.
JUNK.AUCTION SALES RECPT INV 1020521HO	The vehicle describes in the Motor Vehicle record has been determined a "junked vehicle," because the Auction Sales Receipt was surrendered to the department by the salvage yard.
JUNK.REG PURPOSES ONLY.0196 LA TITLES INV 1020521HO	In January 1996 the salvage yard (indicated by the salvage yard inventory number assigned by the Houston Regional office-1020521HO) surrendered with its inventory list the Louisiana Certificate of Title, and the unexpired Texas license plates, if applicable, on the vehicle to the department for cancellation.
LEGAL RESTRAINT CONTACT TXDMV	This remark includes a file number used to reference documentation associated with an owner-retained vehicle, restraining order, or other administrative stops.
LIEN NOT RELEASED FIRST	The first lien was not released.
LIEN NOT RELEASED SECOND	The second lien was not released.
LIEN NOT RELEASED THIRD	The third lien was not released.
MAIL RETURNED	The registration renewal mailed to the vehicle owner or registered owners original or duplicate title (if issued prior to 9-01-01) was returned by the post office to the VTR as being undeliverable. This remark prevents next year's renewal notice from being printed and mailed to the incorrect address.



<b>Remark</b>	<b>Description</b>
MAJOR COLOR	The primary color that covers most, if not all, of the vehicle.
MILAGE EXCEEDS MECHANICAL LIMITS	The odometer reading has exceeded the mechanical limits of the odometer. For example, if the mechanical limitations of an odometer are a 5-digit reading, it cannot record more than 99,999 miles.
MINOR COLOR	The secondary color, if present, that covers less of the vehicle (e.g. standard two-toned vehicles, custom paint job, camouflaged, etc.).
NO REG/TTL GC	No registration or title can be issued because this is a golf cart. Beginning September 1, 2009, golf carts are no longer titled or registered.
NONREPAIABLE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE ISSUED	Indicates that a Non-repairable Certificate of Title (NRCOT) was issued on the motor vehicle because the estimated cost of repair was 95% or more of the vehicle's pre-damaged actual cash value.
NOT ACTUAL MILAGE	The mileage indicated on the vehicle's odometer at the time of title transfer or application filing was not the actual distance in miles that the vehicle had been driven.
OFF-HIGHWAY USE ONLY	Non street legal motorcycles including 3 and 4 wheel all-terrain vehicles are required to be titled, but cannot pass the State Safety Inspection requirements, unless modified, and cannot, therefore, be registered.
ON LOAN TO EXEMPT AGENCY	The vehicle is not owned by the user, such as a Driver Education vehicle and is registered by the user with Exempt License Plates not required to be titled.
OPT-OUT-COMMERCIAL REQUEST	This remark restricts the release of information on the motor vehicle record for commercial (bulk) record requests. (NOTE: On 12-1-00 this remark was replaced with the "Release of Personal Information Restricted" remark).
OPT-OUT INDIVIDUAL REQUEST	This remark restricts the release of information on the noted record without the owners release authority to the individual requesting the information. (NOTE: On 12-1-00, this remark was replaced with the "Release of Personal Information Restricted" remark).
OPT-OUT-INDIVIDUAL & COMMERCIAL REQ	This remark restricts the release of information on the noted record for both Individual and commercial requests. ( NOTE: On 12-1-00, this remark was replaced with the release of Personal Information Restricted" remark).
OWNED BY US GOVERNMENT	The vehicle is leased from the U.S. Government and shall be registered with regular registration, and a RPO receipt shall be issued in the name of the lessee.
PERMIT REQUIRED TO MOVE	The vehicle information selected on the Class/Plate/Sticker screen qualifies this vehicle as a Park Model Trailer.
PLATE AGE	Reflects the number of years the license plates have been assigned for display on the vehicle for which the plates were originally issued. This will vary from the word "Annual" to a numeric character.
PLATE SEIZED	Law enforcement has removed the license plates.
PRIOR CCO ISSUED	A Certified Copy of An Original Texas Certificate of Title (CCO) was used to file for a corrected title with no change of ownership. This remark will show on the vehicle record but it will not print on the title document.

<b>Remark</b>	<b>Description</b>
REBUILT SALVAGE-LOSS UNKNOWN	The title transaction was support by a Texas Salvage Certificate.
REBUILT SALVAGE - DAMAGE	The title transaction was supported by a Texas Salvage Certificate of Title, or was carried forward from the previous Texas motor vehicle record.
REBUILT SALVAGE 95% PLUS LOSS	The title transaction was supported by a Texas Non-repairable Certificate of Title, or was carried forward from previous Texas motor vehicle record.
REBUILT SALVAGE ISSUED BY (STATE NAME ABBREVIATION)	This remark includes the 2-letter abbreviation for the other state or county which issued a salvage certificate/certificate of title and supported the title transaction, or was carried forward from the previous Texas motor vehicle record.
RECONDITIONED	The vehicle was damaged by collision, fire, hail, or other types of damage (other than by flood) and rendered a total loss by an insurance company. If the vehicle is later placed in an operable condition, the salvage document would be surrendered, when an application for title was filed. A valid Texas title would be issued and the remark "Reconditioned" reflected on the new title and carried forward on all Texas titles issued thereafter. (NOTE: This remark was replaced with a "REBUILT SALVAGE" remark for Texas title issued on and after 8-1-97. On and after this date, the remark will carry forward as Rebuilt Salvage- Loss Unknown.)
RECONSTRUCTED	The vehicle has been converted in such a manner that it no longer resembles the vehicle as originally manufactured.
REFUND PENDING	A refund has been authorized Regional Office but has not been claimed by the owner of record. (The vehicle cannot be transferred unless the vehicle is reregistered or the refund is voided).
REGISTERED BY	This remark is used for the name of an individual or business other than the owner, who is registering the vehicle.
REGISTRATION INVALID	The registration is not valid. Example: After a refund is processed, registration is invalid.
REGISTRATION PURPOSES ONLY	Texas issued registration only. The negotiable title for this vehicle was issued by another state, and remains the negotiable evidence of ownership. Implemented on 9-1-01.
RELEASE OF PERSONAL INFO RESTRICTED	A remark on the inquiry screen that advises that all-personal information (names and addresses) in the motor vehicle record is restricted under the federal Drivers Privacy Protection Act. Except for certain exceptions. Implemented on 12-1-00.
REPLICA	An established make of a previous year model vehicle has been assembled as a new vehicle or built by a motor vehicle manufacturer.
SALVAGE CERTIFICATE ISSUED	Indicates that a salvage certificate was issued on the motor vehicle.
SALVAGE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE ISSUED	Indicates that a Salvage Certificate of Title (SCOT) was issued on the motor vehicle because the estimated cost of repair was 75% or more of the vehicle pre-damaged actual cash value.

<b>Remark</b>	<b>Description</b>
SB829 (CITY) OR OUTSTANDING TRAFFIC WARRANT	SB829, referred to as the Scoff Law Bill, provides cities with a population of 380,000 or more may contract with their local county and this department to refuse to register a vehicle owned by a person for whom an arrest warrant is outstanding for failure to pay a fine for a traffic violation.
SOLID TIRES	The vehicle is equipped with solid, rubber tires.
STICKER SEIZED	The county was notified by law enforcement that the plates and sticker have been seized.
STOLEN	The department of Public Safety has notified VTR that the vehicle has been reported stolen.
SURVIVORSHIP RIGHTS	A survivorship agreement signed by two or more eligible persons indicating that the vehicle is held jointly was filed with the title transaction.
TNRCC-EMISSION PRGM NON-COMPLIANCE	The vehicle is registered in Dallas, Tarrant, Harris, or El Paso County, is gasoline powered, 2 through 24 years old and subject to vehicle emissions testing, and in the previous 12 months, the vehicle did not pass an emissions test.
TITLE APPLICATION AWAITING RELEASE	A title transaction is in process.
TITLE HELD AWAITING DPS OK	A title transaction is awaiting confirmation from the department of public safety that the vehicle is not a stolen vehicle.
TITLE IN PROCESS	This remark indicates that a Texas titled vehicle has been sold and an application for a new title by the new owner has been received by the VTR and is in the process of being issued.
TITLE REVOKED	The title document number shown on the motor vehicle record has been revoked as a result of fraudulent evidence, false information, a stolen or converted vehicle, failure to provide proper evidence or ownership and documentation, revoked ownership and documentation, or revoked registration.
TITLE SUPERSEDED	A title transaction is in process on this motor vehicle record that is no longer a valid record, and a new transaction (record) has taken the place of the previous record.
TITLE SUSPENDED	The certificate of title number shown on the motor vehicle record has been suspended.
TITLE SURRENDERED TO (STATE NAME ABBREVIATED)	A Texas-titled vehicle has been taken to another state, and its ex-Texas owner (or a new owner) applied for a title in the new state. The new state returned the Texas title to the Texas VTR with a "surrendered" notice.
TITLE WAITING TO PRINT	A title transaction is in process.
TITLE WAITING TO PRINT (REPRINT)	A title transaction is in process.
TNRCC-EMISSION PROGRAM NON-COMPLIANCE	The vehicle is registered in Dallas, Tarrant, Harris or El Paso County, is gasoline powered 2 through 24 years old and subject to vehicle emissions testing, and in the previous 12 months, the vehicle did not pass emissions test.
TRAFFIC WARRANT	Registration renewal may be denied because of an outstanding traffic warrant.

Remark	Description
VEHICLE TRANSFERRED	The record owner notified TXDMV that on a specific month and year the vehicle was sold or traded.
****STOLEN**** VERIFY TCIC BY VIN	<p>This remark means "check with reporting police agency who placed the remark in the NCIC-TCIC (National Crime Information Center-Texas Crime Information Center) files to see if this vehicle is still stolen or if a recovery notice was received within the past few days." The placing and removal of stolen remarks in the VTR computer is done weekly by the Texas Department of Public Safety.</p> <p><b>Because the update occurs weekly, a VTR record may indicate a vehicle is stolen when it is not. TLETS operators should inquire into TCIC/NCIC to determine stolen status and follow standard hit confirmation procedures before police action is taken.</b></p> <p><b>If the VTR record contains this remark for 5 days following the removal of a TCIC stolen record, notification should be sent by administrative message to mnemonic address CRDP. Use the language: "The stolen remark continues to be reflected on the VTR database response after the TCIC record was removed on &lt;date&gt;. Also, state whether the notifying agency is the entering agency or not.</b></p>
VIN CERTIFICATION WAIVED	The vehicle identification number certification was waived. This remark is used to caution the tax collectors to require VIN certification form in the event an application for negotiable Texas title is filed in the future. Also applies to "Title Only" transaction supported by out of state evidence of ownership.
VIN IN ERROR	The vehicle identification number (VIN) is in error or the year model is 1980 or older and the VIN is not a 17-digit VIN.